## **BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF ITS ENVIRONMENTAL RIDER RATE TO BE EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2023 (FILED NOVEMBER 1, 2023)

PSC DOCKET NO. 23-1412

## <u>PUBLIC NOTICE</u>

## TO: ALL NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS OF CHESAPEAKE UTILTIES CORPORATION AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

On November 1, 2023, Chesapeake Utilities Corporation ("Chesapeake" or the "Company") filed an application (the "Application") with the Delaware Public Service Commission (the "Commission") seeking approval to increase its Environmental Rider ("ER") rate from \$0.0009 per Ccf to \$0.0011 per Ccf under the process approved in PSC Order No. 4104 (December 19, 1995) in Docket No. 95-73. The rate will be effective with usage on and after December 1, 2023, with proration, subject to modification and refund after an evidentiary hearing. For a typical residential heating customer using 120 Ccf of gas per month, the proposed ER rate will increase approximately 0.013%, adding \$0.02 to their total bill. The Commission has approved the proposed rates to become effective with usage on and after December 1, 2023, with

The Commission will make its decision on the matter on the basis of the record evidence taken at an evidentiary hearing to be held at its regularly scheduled meeting on **Wednesday**, April **17, 2024**, starting at 1:00 p.m. at 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Hearing Room, Cannon Building, Dover, Delaware 19904. In addition, the Commission will accept public comments on the Application prior to the commencement of the evidentiary hearing on April 17, 2024.

You are invited to review Chesapeake's Application and supporting documents to determine

how your interests may be affected by going to DelaFile (http://delafile.delaware.gov), the

Commission's file management system, and by searching for Docket No. 23-1412.

Interested persons or entities may file comments or objections to the proposed change in

the ER rate. Such comments or objections shall be filed on or before March 15, 2024 using

DelaFile. Comments or objections shall also be served on the following people:

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If you wish to formally participate as a party in this matter, with the right to present evidence and be represented by counsel, you must file with the Commission a petition asking for leave to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (26 *Del. Admin. C.* §1001-2.9) *on or before March 15, 2024*. All such petitions should also be filed in DelaFile pursuant to 26 *Del. Admin. C.* §1001-1.6.4 and served on the people

identified above. Petitions for intervention that are not received by the Commission *on or before March 15, 2024*, will not be granted unless good cause is shown. If intervention status is granted, any intervenor wishing to oppose the Application must file pre-filed testimony with the Commission *on or before March 28, 2024*. Any submissions sent by an intervenor that are not received by the Commission *on or before March 28, 2024*. Any submissions sent by an intervenor that are not submissions shall be filed using DelaFile to be served on the persons identified above.

If you would like to review documents at the Commission's offices, please contact Crystal Beenick at (302) 736-7500 or by sending an email addressed <u>Crystal.Beenick@delaware.gov</u>.

If you wish to request copies of documents in this matter, please submit a Freedom of Information Act Request Form. The link to this form can be found on the Commission's website, <a href="http://depsc.delaware.gov">http://depsc.delaware.gov</a>, or by visiting this web address <a href="https://sos.delaware.gov/foia-requests/">https://sos.delaware.gov/foia-requests/</a>. The Commission will respond to your request in accordance with the Delaware Freedom of Information Act, 29 *Del. C. ch.* 100.

If you have a disability and wish to participate or to review the materials in this matter, please contact the Commission to discuss any auxiliary aids or services you might need to help you. You may contact the Commission in person, by writing, by telephone (including text telephone), by Internet e-mail, or other means.

If you have questions about this matter, you may call the Commission at 1-800-282-8574 (toll-free in Delaware) or (302) 736-7500 (voice and text telephone). You may also send questions regarding this matter by Internet e-mail addressed to <u>Clishona.Marshall@delaware.gov</u>.