

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION)
FOR A GENERAL INCREASE IN ITS)
NATURAL GAS RATES AND FOR) Docket No. 24-0906
APPROVAL OF CERTAIN OTHER)
CHANGES TO ITS NATURAL GAS TARIFF)
(Filed August 12, 2024))**

NOTICE OF EVIDENTIARY HEARING

**TO: ALL NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS OF CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES
CORPORATION**

A Hearing Examiner appointed by the Delaware Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) will conduct an evidentiary hearing concerning the above-captioned case (as further explained below) at the following time and location:

DATE & TIME	ZOOM INFORMATION	LOCATION
Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:00 a.m.	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82115880010	Hearing Room Delaware Public Service Commission 861 Silver Lake Boulevard Cannon Building Dover, DE 19904

On August 12, 2024, the Delaware Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation (“Chesapeake” or the “Company”) filed with the Delaware Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) an application (the “Application”) for approval: to increase its natural gas rates; to charge two new Miscellaneous Service Charges; to restructure its rate schedules; to modify its transportation program; to implement a weather normalization mechanism for residential and small commercial customers; to effect a transfer of the Company’s business to a new entity, to be called Chesapeake Utilities of Delaware, Inc.; and to make other tariff changes. In its Application, Chesapeake seeks an increase in annual operating revenues of \$12.1 million, or an increase of 15

percent over current revenues. The Company is also requesting to transfer \$996,660 of revenues currently recovered through its Distribution System Improvement Charge (“DSIC”) into base distribution rates.

On March 12, 2025, the parties to this case filed a Phase I Proposed Settlement, in which the parties agreed to certain terms, including a revenue increase of \$6.1 million to be apportioned on an equal-percentage basis to the volumetric distribution rates of all rate classes, as well as new depreciation rates. The parties agreed to defer several issues, including rate design and the proposed weather normalization mechanism, to a Phase II of this proceeding.

Under the Phase I Proposed Settlement, an average residential heating customer using 120 Ccfs during a winter month will experience an increase of approximately \$5.37 per month, or 6 percent. An average residential non-heating customer using 18 Ccf per month will experience an increase of approximately \$2.74 per month, or 6.5 percent. For commercial and industrial customers, the following ranges provide an estimate of the proposed increases:

Rate Schedule	Consumption (Ccf)	Dollar Increase	Percent Increase
General Service	274	\$3	1%
Medium Volume Service	1,210 – 2,329	\$21 - \$41	1.5%
Large Volume Service	4,994 – 242,020	\$95 - \$3,100	1.2% – 1.7%
High Load Factor Service	709 – 18,868	\$5 - \$247	0.5% - 1.5%

Evidentiary hearings are conducted to formally introduce evidence into the record and to make available for cross-examination the parties’ witnesses’ testimony, including testimony that may be offered with respect to the Proposed Phase I Settlement. Members of the public are invited to attend the evidentiary hearing as observers, but only the parties are permitted to present witnesses or cross-examine witnesses. In accordance with 26 *Del. C.* §305 and 29 *Del. C.* §10128, the Commission will make its decision concerning this matter on the basis of the record evidence presented to the Hearing Examiner at the public evidentiary hearing and the proposed

recommendations prepared and presented to it by the Hearing Examiner pursuant to 29 *Del. C.* §10126(a).

Anyone who plans to attend any portion of the evidentiary hearing is cautioned to consult the Commission's website on the day of the hearing for cancellation or changes to the time, place or date of the event.

You are invited to review Chesapeake's application and the Phase I Proposed Settlement, and supporting documents, by going to the Commission's electronic file management system, DelaFile, located at <https://delafile.delaware.gov/> , and by searching for Docket No. 24-0906. If you would like to review documents at the Commission's office, please do so by contacting Crystal Beenick at (302) 736-7500 or by sending an email addressed to Crystal.Beenick@delaware.gov.

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, <https://depsec.delaware.gov>, or by visiting this web address: <https://sos.delaware.gov/foia-requests/>. 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 require to assist 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 psc@delaware.gov; include "PSC Docket No. 24-0906" as the subject.