

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that Hope Gas, Inc. (the “Company”), a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, an application containing decreased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing natural gas service to all of its customers at various locations in the Counties of Barbour, Boone, Braxton, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Harrison, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monongalia, Nicholas, Pleasants, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood and Wyoming.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective November 1, 2025, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will increase revenues approximately \$14.6 million annually, an increase of 7.78%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

Section A - Hope Gas, Inc. (“Hope”) Customers**Section B - Former Peoples Gas WV LLC (“Peoples”) Customers****Section C - Former Southern Public Service Company (“Southern”) Customers****Section D - Former Standard/Bazze Gas Company (“Standard”) Customers****Section E - Former Consumers Gas Utility (“Consumers”) Customers****Section A****HOPE GAS, INC. - PROPOSED**

TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$ INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	% INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
Residential Sales (Rate Class RS)	\$6.38	7.33%
Small Commercial Sales (Rate Class SGS)	\$27.99	10.03%
Small Commercial Transport (Rate Class SGS) 1/	\$35.30	3.18%
Large Commercial Sales (Rate Class LCS)	\$1,498.53	15.67%
Large Commercial Transport (Rate Class LCS) 1/	\$532.24	6.01%
Industrial Sales (Rate Class LCI-D & LCI-DS)	\$3,044.08	17.36%
Resale Sales (Rate Class WS)	\$3,775.12	13.81%

1/ To account for an increase in standby rate.

Section B**FORMER PEOPLES GAS WV - PROPOSED**

TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$ INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	% INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
General Service - Residential Sales	\$6.36	7.88%
General Service - Commercial Sales	\$33.62	9.74%
Industrial Service - Sales	\$495.78	12.99%
Swing Service Charge for Transport	\$1.31	1.37%

Section C**FORMER SOUTHERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY - PROPOSED**

TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$ INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	% INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
General Service - Residential Sales	\$5.36	9.38%
General Service - Commercial Sales	\$30.47	11.89%

Section D**FORMER STANDARD/BAZZLE GAS COMPANY - PROPOSED**

TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$ INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	% INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
General Domestic - Residential Sales	\$5.80	8.17%
Commercial Service - Sales	\$19.91	10.91%

Section E**FORMER CONSUMERS GAS UTILITY COMPANY - PROPOSED**

TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$ INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	% INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
General Domestic - Residential Sales	\$5.54	7.83%
Commercial Service - Sales	\$22.00	9.76%

Resale customers of the Company include Cardinal Natural Gas Company - Northern Division (Lumberton-Shinnston), Cardinal Natural Gas Company - Northern Division (Blacksville) and Mountaineer Gas Company.

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated classes. Each class may receive an increase greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested increased rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increase or decrease) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase or decrease in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. (If a hearing is conducted, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the Morgantown office of the Company, 781 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 100, Morgantown, West Virginia.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

The 30-C procedure is designed to provide a procedure for changing rates charged to customers by natural gas distribution utilities based exclusively on the cost of purchased gas. Consequently, protest should be limited to the reasonableness of such costs and the method by which they are calculated. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within twenty-five (25) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases or to participate in future proceedings. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission’s rules on intervention set forth in the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions must be mailed or hand-delivered and be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, Post Office Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323, with copies to Daniel M. Taylor, Jr., Hope Gas, Inc., 781 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 100, Morgantown, WV 26505 and Kurt L. Krieger, Post Office Box 1588, Charleston, WV 25326-1588. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the “Submit a Comment” link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, Post Office Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.