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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

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IN THE MATTER OF THE TARIFF FILING BY CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION FOR A NEW RATE SCHEDULE "TFFF" CALLED TOWN OF FRANKFORD FRANCHISE FEE RIDER (FILED OCTOER 23, 2024)

) PSC DOCKET NO. 24-1175

<u>PUBLIC NOTICE</u>

TO: ALL NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS OF CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION AND, IN PARTICULAR, THOSE WITHIN THE TOWN OF FRANKFORD, AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

On October 23, 2024, Chesapeake Utilities Corporation ("Chesapeake" or the "Company") filed with the Delaware Public Service Commission ("the Commission") an application requesting permission to change its gas service tariff to implement a Town of Frankford Franchise Fee Rider ("TFFF") surcharge to be assessed against Chesapeake's gas customers within the Town of Frankford. The TFFF surcharge, in the amount of \$0.0100 per Ccf of delivered gas, would mirror the volumetric franchise fee that the Town of Frankford imposes on Chesapeake under a franchise agreement adopted by the Town of Frankford on October 17, 2024, for the use of the Frankford's public roads and rights-of-way. The surcharge would be applied only to Chesapeake's customers within the Town of Frankford.

On December 4, 2024 the Commission suspended the proposed surcharge until further order of the Commission. The Commission will consider whether to grant Chesapeake's application for this surcharge at its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, commencing at 1:00 P.M. The meeting will be held in the Commission's office located at 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Cannon Building, Suite 100, Dover, Delaware 19904. The Commission will render a decision based upon the evidence presented to it at this meeting.

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 written 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 Friday *December 20, 2024.* All such petitions should be e-filed according to the Commission's Rules (26 *Del. Admin. C.* §1001-1.6.4). Petitions filed after the deadline of December 20, 2024, will not be considered except for good cause shown.

If you wish, you may file written comments concerning this application on or **before Monday, December 30, 2024**. Any written comments should be filed with the Commission at its Dover address set forth above, by Internet e-mail addressed to <u>Delafile@delaware.gov</u> or in DelaFile (http://delafile.delaware.gov), under "Submit a Written Comment" Docket No. 24-1175.

You are invited to review Chesapeake's application and supporting documents to determine how your interests may be affected by going to DelaFile (<u>http://delafile.delaware.gov</u>), the Commission's file management system, and by searching for PSC Docket No. 24-1175.

If you would like to review documents at the Commission's offices, please contact Crystal Beenick at <u>Crystal.Beenick@delaware.gov</u> to arrange a time for your review. You may also review copies of Chesapeake's application and supporting documents at the office of the Division of the Public Advocate located at 29 South State Street, Dover, DE 19901. Please call (302) 241-2555 to arrange for a time to review the documents at this location.

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, <u>http://depsc.delaware.gov</u>, or by visiting this web address <u>https://delafile.delaware.gov/Complaints/FOIA.aspx</u>. 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>PSC@delaware.gov</u> referencing "Town of Frankford Franchise Fee Rider" in the subject line.