

## Columbia Gas Requests Rate Increase and Conditions Revision for SCC Public Hearing

**Richmond** – The State Corporation Commission (SCC) has scheduled a December public hearing on a request by Columbia Gas of Virginia to increase its rates. The company supports its request with the numerical data of fiscal loss caused by initiatives for improved overall safety of natural gas systems, enhanced pipeline safety, and increased employee and contractor training requirements.

Additionally, Columbia Gas of Virginia seeks to revise current terms and conditions pertinent to its gas services.

If approved, the company expects a typical residential customer bill to increase from \$65.74 to \$74.88. This 13.90% increase in rates is estimated to occur October 2016.

Columbia Gas appraises these proposed rates will increase the company's annual non-gas base revenue by roughly \$37 million per year.

The public hearing will be held on December 13, 2016 in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building at 1300 East Main Street in downtown Richmond. Any person wishing to comment at the hearing should arrive early and sign in with the SCC bailiff. The audio portion of the hearing will be provided via a webcast found on the SCC website at <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

Written comments on the company's proposal must be submitted by December 5, 2016. All correspondence should be sent to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118, and refer to case number PUE-2016-00033.

Persons wishing to submit comments electronically may do so at the SCC's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. Click on the PUBLIC COMMENTS/NOTICES link and then the SUBMIT COMMENTS button for case number PUE-2016-00033.