

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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WASHINGTON, DC 20005

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

FORMAL CASE NO. GT03-1, IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
OF WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO AMEND  
ITS GENERAL SERVICE PROVISIONS

1. The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia ("Commission") hereby gives notice, pursuant to Section 2-505 of the District of Columbia Code,<sup>1</sup> of its intent to act upon the Application of Washington Gas Light Company ("WGL" or the "Company")<sup>2</sup> in not less than 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("NOPR") in the *D.C. Register*.

2. On July 31, 2003, WGL filed an Application requesting authority to create the new General Service Provision number 24 entitled "Installation of Meter Pulse Equipment." Thus, the Company requests authority to revise the following tariff pages:

**GENERAL SERVICES PROVISION, P.S.C. of D.C. No. 3**  
**Installation of Meter Pulse Equipment No. 24**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Revised Page No. 1**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Page No. 58**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Revised Page No. 59**

3. WGL's proposed tariff establishes the terms upon which third parties may be allowed to connect their meter pulse collection equipment to the Company's meter.<sup>3</sup> WGL's proposed provisions set the conditions for the connection to a pulse initiation device ("PID") to assure that WGL's meter will not be harmed or the collection of usage data by the Company is not impaired by the installation or operation of the customer's data collection system.<sup>4</sup> The tariff filing also establishes the rate a party must pay to attach a data collection system to the PID. The tariff provides that ownership of the meter remains with WGL and that WGL's meter will govern the determination of gas usage for billing purposes. In addition, the proposed tariff places responsibility on the

<sup>1</sup> D. C. Code, 2001 Ed. § 2-505.

<sup>2</sup> *Formal Case No. GT03-1, In the Matter of the Application of Washington Gas Light Company for Authority to Amend its General Service Provisions*, Letter to Sanford M. Speight, Acting Commission Secretary, from Bernice K. McIntyre, Senior Counsel for Washington Gas Light Company, re: Formal Case No. GT03-1, filed July 31, 2003 (hereinafter referred to as "Application").

<sup>3</sup> Application at 1.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

customer to reconnect service to the PID should the Company need to interrupt service to maintain or disconnect its meter. Moreover, the tariff filing relieves WGL's responsibility for lost data with respect to the PID and gives WGL the right to approve contractors that install the connections to the PID and disconnect any connection not installed by an approved contractor, without liability.

4. This Application is on file with the Commission and may be reviewed at the Office of the Commission Secretary, 1333 H Street, N.W., Second Floor, West Tower, Washington, D.C. 20005, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Copies of the tariff pages are available upon request, at a per-page reproduction cost.

5. Comments on the proposed tariff pages must be made in writing to Sanford M. Speight, Acting Commission Secretary, at the above address. All comments must be received within 30 days of the date of publication of this NOPR in the *D.C. Register*. Persons wishing to file reply comments may do so no later than 45 days of the date of publication of this NOPR in the *D.C. Register*. Once the comment and reply comment periods have expired, the Commission will take final action on WGL's Application.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLESNOTICE OF EMERGENCY AND PROPOSED RULEMAKING

The Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, pursuant to the authority set forth in section 1822, 1825 and 1826 of the Department of Motor Vehicles Establishment Act of 1998, effective March 26, 1999, (D.C. Law 12-175; D.C. Official Code §§ 50-901, 50-904, and 50-905) (2001 ed.); section 801 of the Motor Vehicle and Safe Driving Amendment Act of 2000, effective April 27, 2001 (D.C. Law 13-289; D.C. Official Code § 50-921), 18 DCMR 200, and § 6(c) of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, approved October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1206; D.C. Official Code § 2-505(c)) (2001 ed.), hereby gives notice of the adoption, on an emergency basis, of the following rulemaking to amend Chapter 2 of Title 18 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR) (Vehicles and Traffic). This amendment will authorize the Director to grant one 90-day extension per license term for the school bus operator's licenses of bus drivers employed by the District of Columbia Public Schools, upon the written request of the District of Columbia Public Schools.

This action is being taken on an emergency basis due to the shortage of school bus drivers who will be able to renew their bus driver operator's license by the August 31, 2003 deadline. The independent, Court appointed, Transportation Administrator for the District of Columbia Public Schools has requested this extension to facilitate the safe and timely transportation of special education students within the District of Columbia. This emergency rulemaking is necessary for the preservation of public health, safety and welfare. This emergency rule was adopted on August 18, 2003 and became effective immediately on that date.

The Director also gives notice of intent to take final rulemaking action in not less than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice in the D.C. Register and upon the expiration of a 45 day Council review period or affirmative approval by the Council in less than 45 days.

This emergency rule will expire on December 16, 2003, 120 days after the date of its adoption, or upon publication of a notice of final rulemaking in the D.C. Register, whichever occurs first.

Title 18, DCMR, is amended as follows:

Chapter 2, SCHOOL BUS DRIVER'S LICENSE, Section 200, GENERAL PROVISIONS, Subsection 200.5 is amended to read as follows:

- 200.5 School bus driver permits shall be valid for a period of one (1) year, expiring on the last day of August of each calendar year, except that, upon the written request of the District of Columbia Public Schools, the Director may grant a single 90-day extension per license term to drivers who are employed by the District of Columbia Public Schools.

All persons desiring to comment on the subject matter of this proposed rulemaking should file comments, in writing to Angel Irene, Policy Analyst, D.C. Department of Motor Vehicles, 65 K Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002. Comments must be received not later than thirty (30) days after the publication of this notice in the D.C. Register. Copies of this proposal may be obtained, at cost, by writing to the above address.