

IMPORTANT
NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

On July 18, 2024, the Public Service Commission of Maryland’s (“Commission”) Technical Staff (“Staff”), pursuant to Public Utilities Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland* (“PUA”) §4-203(c)(1-4) filed a request for approval of the Settlement Agreement executed by the Maryland Office of People’s Counsel (“OPC”), Staff and Counsel for Calvert Beach Water Company Inc., Pine Hill Water Company, Inc., Pomonkey Water Company, Inc., Pomunk Utilities, Inc., Red Hill Water Company, Inc., Tip Hill Water Company, Utilco, Western Shores Water Company, Inc., and White Plains Water Company, Inc. (collectively “the Water Companies”) to increase rates and charges for water services.

The Settlement provides rates designed to recover approximately \$425,000¹ in revenue deficiencies phased in over two years, with an authorized rate of return of 7.26%. It also provides for a monthly surcharge of \$13.89 to recover costs for compliance with the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s Lead and Copper Rule Revisions. The Settlement provides rates to be effective on the first day of the month after Commission approval. The Settlement and all associated filings may be accessed on the Commission’s website at <https://www.psc.state.md.us/>. To view or download documents, click on “Case/Maillog Portal,” and at the top of the screen under “Case/Docket No.,” enter 9750 in the search bar. Each filing may be viewed or downloaded by clicking on the docket entry number on the left side of the page.

Evening hearings for the purpose of receiving comments in connection with the Application are rescheduled as follows:

Tuesday, November 26, 2024
6:00 p.m.
Virtual Hearing²

Wednesday, December 11, 2024
7:00 p.m.
Waldorf Senior and Recreational Center
90 Post Office Road
Waldorf, MD 20602

To participate in the **virtual hearing on November 26, 2024**, please send an email request to psc.pulj@gmail.com by **12:00 Noon on November 25, 2024**. **The email must include a reference to Case No. 9750.** Barring technical issues, a recording of the virtual hearing will be available on the Public Utility Law Judge (PULJ) Division’s YouTube Channel at <https://bit.ly/2X6wLiP>.

Written comments on the Settlement may be submitted electronically or by first-class mail **on or before December 6, 2024**. Comments submitted electronically must be submitted through the Commission’s Public Comment Dropbox, which can be accessed through the Commission’s website at www.psc.state.md.us. Instructions for logging into the Public Comment Dropbox are located under the “Tools” section of the Commission’s website under the “Make a Public Comment” tab, which can be accessed via the following link: . Commenters utilizing the Public Comment Dropbox are required to complete a one-time registration. Comments submitted by first-class mail must be addressed to: Jamie Bergin, Chief Clerk, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. **All comments must include a reference to Case No. 9750.**

¹ There was an error in the original stated revenue deficiency, however, the underlying proposed rates remain unchanged. *See* Electronic Docket No. 7, Maillog No. 312313.

² PUA § 3-104(c)(2) provides that an evening hearing for public comment may be held virtually with appropriate notice for persons in the service area affected to participate.