

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
1325 G STREET, N.W., SUITE 800  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005**

**ORDER**

**May 20, 2026**

**FORMAL CASE NO. 1179, IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO  
WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY'S STRATEGICALLY TARGETED PIPE  
REPLACEMENT PLAN, Order No. 22867**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. By this Order<sup>1</sup>, the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (“Commission”) holds in abeyance the Modified District Strategic Accelerated Facilities Enhancement Plan (“Modified District SAFE Plan” or “Program”), as accepted by the Commission in Order No. 22798.<sup>2</sup> The Commission also updates *Formal Case No. 1179*’s procedural schedule to include a pre-hearing conference, should we find an evidentiary hearing necessary.

**II. BACKGROUND**

2. On June 12, 2024, the Commission first rejected Washington Light Company’s (“WGL” or “Company”) PROJECTpipes<sup>3</sup> program proposal and directed it to propose an overhauled pipe replacement plan more focused on prioritizing high-risk pipes and services, maximizing risk-reduced per dollar spent, and adhering to Federal and District climate initiatives.<sup>3</sup> On September 27, 2024, WGL filed its revised pipe replacement plan, now the District SAFE Plan.<sup>4</sup>

3. After extensive testimony was filed, the Commission determined that there remained a material issue of fact in dispute regarding the JANA risk model and directed that an evidentiary hearing be held on the issue on November 18, 2025.<sup>5</sup> The evidentiary hearing was held on December 9, 2025. Later, on March 4, 2026, the Commission issued Order No. 22798 accepting a modified version of the District SAFE Plan and setting the proceedings for the District

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<sup>1</sup> Commissioner Richard Beverly took no position on this Order and abstained from the vote.

<sup>2</sup> *Formal Case No. 1179 In the Matter of the Investigation Into Washington Gas Light Company’s Strategically Targeted Pipe Replacement Plan (“Formal Case No. 1179”)*, Order No. 22798, rel. March 4, 2026 (“Order No. 22798”).

<sup>3</sup> *Formal Case No. 1154, Washington Gas Light Company’s Application for Approval of PROJECTpipes 2 Plan (“Formal Case No. 1154”)*; *Formal Case No. 1175, In the Matter of Washington Gas Light Company’s Application for Approval of PROJECTpipes 3 Plan*; and *Formal Case No. 1179*, Order No. 22003, rel. June 12, 2024.

<sup>4</sup> *Formal Case No. 1179, Washington Gas’s Revised Application for Approval of the District Strategic Accelerated Facility Enhancement Plan*, filed September 27, 2024.

<sup>5</sup> *Formal Case No. 1179*, Order No. 22735, rel. November 5, 2025.

SAFE Plan in motion.<sup>6</sup> In response, both the Office of People’s Counsel for the District of Columbia (“OPC”) and the District of Columbia Government (“DCG”) filed Applications for Reconsideration of Order No. 22798 on April 3, asserting that procedural due process requires that the Commission hold an evidentiary hearing on all disputed material facts, not just the JANA risk model.<sup>7</sup> WGL filed its response to the other parties’ Applications for Reconsideration on April 17, 2026.<sup>8</sup>

4. In the meantime, on April 3, 2026, WGL filed the Company’s Year 1 Annual Project List (“Project List”) under the Modified District SAFE program.<sup>9</sup> By Order No. 22819, the Commission rejected the Project List as deficient, directed the Company to refile a corrected Project List by April 21, 2026, and stayed the Project List Review procedures, as set forth in Order No. 22798, until the filing of a corrected Project List.<sup>10</sup> WGL filed a new Project List and a JANA Model Output for the Project List on April 21, 2026.<sup>11</sup>

5. On May 4, 2026, the Commission issued Order No. 22855, granting the requests for reconsideration and setting the matter for a possible evidentiary hearing on June 29, 2026, scope pending acceptance of lists of material issues of fact submitted by the parties.<sup>12</sup>

### III. DISCUSSION

6. Order No. 22855 granted the parties’ requests for the Commission to reconsider the directives of Order No. 22798, including a review of material issues of fact for hearing. Generally, the Commission has inherent power to control and manage its own docket.<sup>13</sup> Given that the Modified District SAFE Plan is scheduled to begin on July 1, 2026, while the proposed evidentiary hearing would not occur until June 29, 2026, with associated post-hearing filings due more than a month following, the Commission finds it necessary to hold the enactment of the Modified District SAFE Plan, including the review and approval of the Annual Projects Lists, in abeyance until

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<sup>6</sup> Order No. 22798.

<sup>7</sup> *Formal Case No. 1179*, Office of the People’s Counsel for the District of Columbia’s Application for Reconsideration and Request for Clarification of Order No. 22798, filed April 3, 2026; *Formal Case No. 1179*, District of Columbia Government and Sierra Club’s Petition for Reconsideration of Order No. 22798, filed April 3, 2026.

<sup>8</sup> *Formal Case No. 1179*, Washington Gas Light Company’s Response to the Application for Reconsideration and Request for Clarification filed by the Office of People’s Counsel and the Petition for Reconsideration of the District of Columbia Government and Sierra Club, filed April 17, 2026.

<sup>9</sup> *Formal Case No. 1179*, Washington Gas Light Company’s Year 1 Annual Project List, filed April 3, 2026.

<sup>10</sup> *Formal Case No. 1179*, Order No. 22819, rel. April 15, 2026.

<sup>11</sup> *Formal Case No. 1179*, Washington Gas Light Company’s (Amended) Year 1 Annual Project List, filed April 26, 2026; and *Formal Case No. 1179*, Washington Gas Light Company’s JANA Model Output – Year 1 Project List, filed April 21, 2026.

<sup>12</sup> *Formal Case No. 1179*, Order No. 22855 ¶¶ 24-26, rel. May 4, 2026.

<sup>13</sup> *Formal Case No. 1154 and Formal Case No. 1179*, Order No. 22367, ¶ 26, rel. February 19, 2025.

further Order from the Commission. The Commission believes an abeyance period accommodates our full review of the disputed issues of the Modified District SAFE Plan relating to the potential evidentiary hearing, as well as any decisions stemming therefrom.

7. Additionally, the Commission updates the Procedural Schedule to include the date for a Pre-hearing Conference (*see* below). By this Order, the Commission schedules an in-person Pre-hearing Conference for June 15, 2026, at 2:00 PM in the Commission’s hearing room, if necessary.

**Formal Case No. 1179 District SAFE Plan’s Updated Procedural Schedule**

1	Order on Reconsideration Scheduling a Hearing	Monday, May 4, 2026
2	Settlement and Stipulation Conference	Tuesday, May 19, 2026.
3	Pre-hearing Filings (including disputed facts and Joint Stipulation Report)	Tuesday, May 26, 2026
4	Pre-Hearing Conference	Monday, June 15, 2026
5	Evidentiary Hearing (if necessary)	Monday, June 29, and Tuesday, June 30, 2026
6	Motions to Correct Transcript	Tuesday, July 21, 2026.
7	All Post-Hearing Briefs	Tuesday, August 11, 2026

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

8. The enactment of the Modified District Strategic Accelerated Facilities Enhancement Plan is held in abeyance until further Order from the Commission; and

9. The Commission updates the Procedural Schedule of *Formal Case No. 1179* to include the Pre-Hearing Conference date of Monday, June 15, 2026, at 10:00 AM in the Commission’s hearing room.

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**BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:**



**CHIEF CLERK:**

**BRINDA WESTBROOK-SEDGWICK  
COMMISSION SECRETARY**

COMMISSION ACTION

**FORMAL CASE NO. 1179, IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY'S STRATEGICALLY TARGETED PIPE REPLACEMENT PLAN,**

Date 5/20/26 Formal Case No. 1179 Tariff No. \_\_\_\_\_ Order No. 22867

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Chairman Emile Thompson	<u>ET/DJ 5/20/26</u>	_____	_____
Commissioner Richard A. Beverly	_____	_____	<u>RB/DJ 5/20/26</u>
Commissioner Ted Trabue	<u>TT/DJ 5/20/26</u>	_____	_____

Certification of Action

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