

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES WITH PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATES





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NOTICE

Tariff Form No. 8 (RULE 23)

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF REQUESTED RATES AND DEADLINE FOR INTERVENTION

On March 6, 2023, Mountaineer Gas Company (Mountaineer) made a Rule 42 tariff filing to increase gas rates and charges seeking an additional \$19.74 million in annual revenue, or an approximate 6.08% increase on a total-company basis over current rates for furnishing natural gas service to approximately 218,000 customers in Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming Counties in West Virginia.

The increased rates and charges were proposed to become effective Wednesday, April 5, 2023. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers would increase as follows:

	(\$) INCREASE	(%) INCREASE
Residential	\$ 7.08	<u>% 7.85</u>
Commercial	\$ 10.26	<u>% 2.68</u>
Large Commercial	\$ 747.47	<u>% 0.70</u>
Industrial	\$ 293.54	<u>% 0.40</u>
Resale	\$ 100.00	<u>% 1.70</u>

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than the average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing.

This increase will incorporate the rate impact of the cumulative investment under Mountaineer's Investment Replacement and Expansion Program (IREP) that was placed into service as of December 31, 2022. As a result, Mountaineer proposes to reduce the IREP component of its rates relating to that investment when the new base rates go into effect.

Resale customers of Mountaineer Gas Company include Canaan Valley Gas Company, Consumers Gas Utility Company, Cardinal Natural Gas Company, Hope Gas, Inc., Megan Oil and Gas, City of Philippi, and Southern Public Service Company.

By Order issued March 31, 2023, the Commission suspended the use of the proposed increased rates and charges through the end of the day December 31, 2023. If new rates and charges are adopted by the Commission, those rates and charges will go into effect on January 1, 2024.

Anyone desiring to intervene and act as a party in this case should file a Petition to Intervene, which complies with the Commission rules on intervention found within the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 150 C.S.R.1, on or before June 5, 2023. Anyone desiring to protest should file a written protest as soon as possible, although protests will be accepted by the Commission throughout the pendency of this proceeding. All written protests should briefly state the reason for the protest. All protests and Petitions to Intervene should clearly state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston West Virginia 25323.

A complete copy of the Company's tariff proposals and a representative of the Company to provide information concerning this tariff are available to all customers, prospective customers or their agents at the following office of the Company:

> 501 56th Street SE Charleston, WV 25304

A copy of this tariff is also available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301.



