



Public Service Commission of West Virginia



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PSC Approves a Modified Mountaineer Infrastructure Replacement and Expansion Plan

CHARLESTON, WV – The Public Service Commission today signed a modified Infrastructure Replacement and Expansion Plan (IREP) for Mountaineer Gas Company. The IREP is an expedited cost recovery of natural gas utility infrastructure projects through the use of a surcharge, which was authorized by the Legislature in 2015, by passage of Senate Bill 390. The IREP surcharge rate increment will be effective January 1, 2019.

Mountaineer proposed an investment of \$119.8 million for infrastructure replacements and system upgrades through 2023, including approximately \$16.5 million for ongoing investments to expand and enhance service in Morgan, Berkeley and Jefferson counties. The Plan includes a pipeline that will allow for future expansion of natural gas service between Martinsburg and Charles Town, which will be extended to the proposed Rockwool site. All parties in the case signed the Joint Stipulation. The Plan approved by the Commission did not include adding approximately \$4.1 million in costs for farm-tap replacements or upgrades into the IREP surcharge rate.

Mountaineer Gas provides natural gas service to approximately 221,000 customers in 49 West Virginia counties. More information, including the Commission's Order, is available on the Commission's website at: www.psc.state.wv.us. Reference Case No. 18-1115-G-390P.

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