



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

"Serving the Foggy Bottom and West End communities of Washington, D.C."

November 3, 2016

Ms. Betty Ann Kane
Chairman
DC Public Service Commission
1325 G Street NW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20005
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**RE: Washington Gas' Application for Authority to Increase its Exiting Rates
(Formal Case No. 1137)**

Dear Chairman Kane,

At its regular meeting on October 20, 2016, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A ("ANC 2A" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With six of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (**6-0-0**), after a motion made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Coder, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, over the past several months ANC 2A has been the site of three major projects to replace older Washington Gas meters, mechanical couplings, and service lines,

WHEREAS, these projects have been poorly coordinated, communicated, and executed, resulting in gross inefficacy and waste,

WHEREAS, efforts by the ANC to invite Washington Gas to address its meetings were unanswered for a period of five months while project work continued,

WHEREAS, due to poor planning, the coordination and execution elements of these projects had to be redone, and

WHEREAS, area residents, ANC Commissioners, and ANC and DC Council staff wasted significant man-hours trying to communicate and coordinate with Washington Gas and its subcontractor regarding the execution of these projects.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A opposes any increase in rates and charges for Washington Gas until and unless the utility takes steps to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the planning, community outreach, and communication elements of its capital projects. Such steps should include instituting meaningful community consultation and review in advance of capital projects and establishing a single ongoing point of contact for ANCs, community



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groups, and impacted neighbors relative to each ongoing project for its entire duration.

Commissioners William Kennedy Smith (2A04@anc.dc.gov) and Patrick Kennedy (2A01@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy
Chairperson

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Sherri Kimbel, Director of Constituent Services, Councilmember Jack Evans