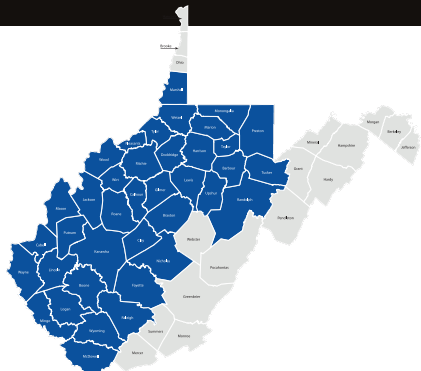


Hope Gas files base rate request with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia to continue investments in service reliability and pipeline infrastructure.



Hope Gas serves approximately **140,000** homes and businesses in **39** West Virginia counties.

On Wednesday, April 30th, for the first time in five years, Hope Gas filed a request with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (PSC) to review its base rates in accordance with PSC requirements around Pipeline Expansion and Replacement Program (PREP) filings.

What are base rates?

Base rates cover the costs of operating the business such as the supplies and equipment needed to maintain our pipeline infrastructure, our labor costs and other general operating expenses. The cost of natural gas is not part of the base rate.

The base rate structure in Hope's filing has been designed to:

- Adjust for inflation and the increase in operating costs since 2019.
- Align the base rates for all Hope customers including recently acquired customers.
- Continue strong investments in the safety and reliability of West Virginia's pipeline infrastructure serving homes and businesses.
- Balance costs appropriately between producers and customers based on the cost to serve those customer classes.
- Create a pilot program to provide bill payment assistance to eligible families.
- Create a weather normalization mechanism that will adjust customer bills due to variations from normal weather.

The bill impact will vary for customers of Hope's recently acquired companies based, in part, on the length of time since the companies' previous rate adjustments. These companies include: Consumers Gas, Peoples Gas, Southern Public, Bazzle Gas, and Standard Gas. Representing approximately 20% of Hope's total customer base, the recently acquired companies have not had a rate increase in more than a decade, and in one case, 37 years.

If this rate is approved, the monthly bill for a typical residential customer using an average of 5.5 mcf per month, would increase by \$21.10 to \$33.74 per month, depending on company.

The PSC has 300 days to review this request. Hope's filing indicates rates will go into effect in 30 days or by May 30, 2025. As a normal course of business, it is anticipated the commission will suspend the rates for 270 days to fully review Hope's filing. **Rates will not change until approval from the PSC is granted.** It is anticipated approved rates would be effective in February 2026.

Additional information is available at
hopegas.com/2025raterequest or
scan QR Code:



Proposed rate changes by company and customer class.



LEGACY HOPE GAS, INC. – PROPOSED		
TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$ INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	% INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
Residential Sales (Rate Class RS)	\$21.10	25.41%
Small Commercial Sales (Rate Class SGS) 1/	\$64.99	24.63%
Small Commercial Sales previously LCI-D Sales 2/	(\$1,195.70)	(19.22%)
Small Commercial Transport (Rate Class SGS) 1/	\$415.28	36.74%
Small Commercial Transport previously LCI-D Transport 2/	(\$269.35)	(5.84%)
Large Commercial Sales (Rate Class LGS) 3/	\$1,127.74	12.64%
Large Commercial Sales previously LCI-D Sales 4/	\$767.02	6.10%
Large Commercial Transport (Rate Class LGS) 3/	\$2,511.25	28.94%
Large Commercial Transport previously LCI-D Transport 4/	\$2,421.87	38.69%
Emergency Shelter Sales (Class ES)	\$26.34	23.12%
Industrial Sales – Distribution (Rate Class LCI-D) 5/	\$2,626.72	5.65%
Industrial Transport – Distribution (Rate Class LCI-D) 5/	\$4,158.97	19.27%
Industrial Transport – Direct Service (Rate Class LCI- DS) 6/	\$469.31	16.81%
Resale Sales (Rate Class WS)	\$2,452.46	12.36%
Daily Balancing for Transport	\$0	0%

FORMER STANDARD/BAZZLE GAS COMPANY – PROPOSED		
TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$ INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	% INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
General Domestic – Residential Sales	\$28.46	40.39%
Commercial Service – Sales – SGS 1/	\$62.29	41.07%

FORMER CONSUMERS GAS UTILITY COMPANY – PROPOSED		
TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$ INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	% INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
General Domestic – Residential Sales	\$22.25	33.61%
Commercial Service – Sales – SGS 1/	\$44.52	26.61%
Commercial Service – Sales – LGS 4/ 7/	(\$3,493.14)	(23.65%)

FORMER PEOPLES GAS WV – PROPOSED		
TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$ INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	% INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
General Service – Residential Sales	\$27.17	35.42%
General Service – Commercial Sales – SGS 1/	\$51.71	21.15%
General Service – SGS Sales previously Industrial Sales 7/	\$1,160.80	48.95%
Commercial Service – Transport – SGS 1/	\$864.14	58.90%
General Service – SGS Transport previously Industrial Transport 2/	\$1,721.25	221.71%
General Service – Commercial Sales – LGS 3/ 7/	(\$3,805.84)	(29.01%)
General Service – LGS Sales previously Industrial Sales 4/	(\$433.18)	(6.06%)
General Service – LGS Transport previously Industrial Transport 7/	\$2,514.88	60.23%
Industrial Service – Sales and Transport 8/	N/A	N/A
Daily Balancing (Swing) for Transport	\$17.79	16.60%

FORMER SOUTHERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY – PROPOSED		
TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$ INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	% INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
General Service – Residential Sales	\$33.74	60.77%
General Service – Commercial Sales – SGS 1/	\$79.04	52.00%
General Service – Commercial Sales – LGS 4/ 7/	(\$2,707.36)	(15.25%)

PRODUCTION GATHERING AND AGGREGATION SERVICE (“PGAS”) – PROPOSED		
TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$ INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	% INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
Dominion Gathering System (“DGP”)		
0 - 50 Daily Dt per Meter	\$546.80	340.69%
51 - 100 Daily Dt per Meter	\$222.59	45.92%
101 - 150 Daily Dt per Meter	(\$98.41)	(12.21%)
151 - 250 Daily Dt per Meter	(\$579.91)	(45.05%)
251 - 400 Daily Dt per Meter	(\$1,382.41)	(66.15%)
Equitrans, L.P. Gathering System (“Equitrans”)		
0 - 50 Daily Dt per Meter	\$294.80	71.47%
51 - 100 Daily Dt per Meter	(\$538.45)	(43.22%)
101 - 150 Daily Dt per Meter	(\$1,363.45)	(65.84%)
151 - 250 Daily Dt per Meter	(\$2,600.95)	(78.62%)
251 - 400 Daily Dt per Meter	(\$4,663.45)	(86.83%)
Retention DGP (Increase in Retention Percentage)		136.68%
Retention Equitrans (Increase in Retention Percentage)		249.79%

