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**ANC3C Resolution 2023-CONSENT**  
**Resolution In Opposition To Washington Gas' Application To The DC Public Service**  
**Commission For Approval Of The PROJECTpipes 3 Plan**

WHEREAS the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has released its Sixth Assessment Report indicating that “Earth is likely to cross a critical threshold for global warming within the next decade, and nations will need to make an immediate and drastic shift away from fossil fuels to prevent the planet from overheating dangerously beyond that level. . .”<sup>1</sup>;

WHEREAS in 2022 Washington, DC passed a law requiring that the District be “carbon neutral” by 2045 and prohibited installing fossil-fuel-burning space- and water-heating appliances in DC Government buildings starting in 2025<sup>2</sup>;

WHEREAS Washington Gas Light Company (Washington Gas or WGL), the monopoly gas utility, is continuing a 40-year accelerated pipeline replacement project, PROJECTpipes, to replace nearly all of the gas infrastructure in the District<sup>3</sup>;

WHEREAS to facilitate this substantial investment in natural gas infrastructure, the DC Public Service Commission (DCPSC) continues to allow WGL to recover associated costs through a DCPSC-approved billing surcharge that appears as a line item on customer bills<sup>4</sup>;

WHEREAS Washington Gas is requesting the DCPSC for \$671.8 million for Phase 3 of PROJECTpipes for the next five years<sup>5</sup>;

WHEREAS a recent report from the National Academies of Sciences suggests a “moratoria on new gas lines” in order to reduce emissions from methane leaks and natural gas use<sup>6</sup>;

WHEREAS a volunteer group with the Washington Interfaith Network detected hundreds of methane leaks across that District that reached “potentially explosive” levels in 2022<sup>7</sup>;

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<sup>1</sup> New York Times, *Climate Change Is Speeding Toward Catastrophe. The Next Decade Is Crucial, U.N. Panel Says*, March 21, 2023.

<sup>2</sup> <https://code.dccouncil.gov/us/dc/council/laws/24-176>.

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.washingtongas.com/safety-education/safety/pipe-replacement-projects/projectpipes>.

<sup>4</sup> <https://dcpsc.org/Newsroom/HotTopics/Infrastructure-Enhancements/PROJECTpipes.aspx>.

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.washingtongas.com/-/media/71b32c7d52d54a4284afc1f16d0fd939.pdf>.

<sup>6</sup> <https://nap.nationalacademies.org/read/25931/> Recommendation 12-4.

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2022/02/23/dc-gas-leaks-sierra-club/>.

WHEREAS WGL has consistently disrupted life in our neighborhood by working on natural gas pipes without coordinating with the neighborhood or the other ongoing projects;

WHEREAS Methane, the second most abundant anthropogenic greenhouse gas after carbon dioxide that accounts for about 16 percent of global emissions, more than 28 times as potent as carbon dioxide at trapping heat in the atmosphere<sup>8</sup>;

WHEREAS the District of Columbia, the United States of America, and the World will not meet its stated carbon emissions reduction goals without decreasing current use of Natural Gas<sup>9</sup>.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3C opposes Washington Gas' PROJECTpipes Phase 3 and urges the DCPSC to reject approval for this project.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission authorizes the Chair and the Commissioners for 3C02 and 3C05 to represent the Commission on this matter.

**Attested by**



Janell Pagats  
Chair, on November 20, 2023

*This resolution was approved by voice vote on November 20, 2023, at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 8 commissioners) was present.*

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<sup>8</sup> <https://www.epa.gov/gmi/importance-methane>.

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/news/231134/use-natural-will-decline-achieve-15c/>.