

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN
APPLICATION OF APPALACHIAN NATURAL GAS
DISTRIBUTION COMPANY
FOR EXPEDITED APPROVAL AND INTERIM AUTHORITY
TO IMPLEMENT A SPECIAL RATE AND CONTRACT
PURSUANT TO § 56-235.2
OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA
CASE NO. PUR-2026-00037**

On March 19, 2026, Appalachian Natural Gas Distribution Company (“ANGD” or “Company”) filed an application (“Application”) with the State Corporation Commission (“Commission”) pursuant to § 56-235.2 of the Code of Virginia and the Commission’s Rules for Filing an Application to Provide Electric and Gas Service Under a Special Rate, Contract or Incentive, requesting expedited approval of a “special rate” and contract for gas transportation service to Credo Fresh LLC d/b/a Pluckd (“Credo Fresh”). Concurrent with the filing of its Application, ANGD also filed a Motion of Applicant for Entry of a Protective Ruling and a proposed protective order concerning the use of confidential and extraordinarily sensitive information in this proceeding, pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-110 and 5 VAC 5-20-170 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (“Rules of Practice”).

In support of its Application, ANGD states that Credo Fresh began taking natural gas transportation service from the Company in December 2025 pursuant to the Company’s Industrial Gas Service rate schedule (“Schedule IS”). However, according to ANGD, “[t]he Schedule IS rates . . . are not sustainable for Credo Fresh to operate in Virginia.” Consequently, ANGD explains, the Company and Credo Fresh “continued their discussions throughout December and into 2026 to arrive upon mutually agreeable ways to enable Credo Fresh to reduce its natural gas costs from current levels.” These discussions culminated in ANGD and Credo Fresh entering into a Service Agreement for Transportation Service (“Agreement”), effective December 5, 2025 (“Start Date”), under which ANGD contracted to provide firm transportation service to Credo Fresh on the Company’s system, at a special rate, under the Company’s current Rate Schedule FTS-1. According to ANGD, the intended purpose of the special rate “is to provide Credo Fresh with an individualized cost structure and contract term for the delivery of natural gas that allows it to operate its plant in Carroll County and to accommodate its expansion plans, as opposed to operating the facility elsewhere.”

ANGD requests that the Commission grant the Company interim authority to operate under the Agreement effective as of the Start Date, which is the Agreement’s effective date, until the Commission acts on the Application. ANGD explains that it is requesting that the Commission approve the Agreement effective as of the Start Date “so that Credo Fresh can receive the benefits of the special rate beginning with service rendered on the Start Date and avoid paying the higher tariff rate entirely.” Should the Commission not allow ANGD to charge the Agreement’s special rate effective as of the Start Date, the Company requests expedited approval of the Agreement so that Credo Fresh pays the Company’s standard tariff rate for as little time as possible.

ANGD states that the Agreement, subject to Commission approval, would satisfy Credo Fresh’s natural gas requirements over the next three-year period. The Company represents that the special rate provided in the Agreement “will protect and enhance the public interest in a number of ways,” including by encouraging capital investment to expand Credo Fresh’s Carroll County plant and “allow[ing] Credo Fresh to maintain current employment levels reaching 250 individuals with projected annual average salaries greater than the median income for the area.” ANGD asserts that “[k]eeping Credo Fresh and supporting its expansion will benefit the area and local businesses as well as contribute to the tax base of the Commonwealth and Carroll County.”

ANGD represents that the Agreement’s special rate will not unreasonably prejudice or disadvantage any customer or class of customers because the Company will track all costs associated with providing transportation service to Credo Fresh and will not assign the costs to any other class. The Company further represents that the special rate will not jeopardize the continuation of reliable utility service to other customers, explaining that “[t]he point of delivery on ANGD’s system as well as the pipeline distribution facilities necessary to serve Credo Fresh are already in place and being utilized to serve Credo Fresh.” Moreover, ANGD states, “[a]ny additional construction for Credo Fresh’s expansion would be covered in a separate agreement between the Company and Credo Fresh, under which Credo Fresh would bear the applicable construction costs.” Accordingly, ANGD avers that the Company does not anticipate any adverse effects on other customers from its service to Credo Fresh’s facilities.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Comment that, among other things, directed the Company to provide notice to the public and provided interested persons an opportunity to comment on the Company’s Application.

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission has directed the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings, unless they contain confidential information, and required electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

An electronic copy of the public version of the Application may be obtained, at no charge, by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: Brian R. Greene, Greene Hurlocker PLC, 4908 Monument Avenue, Suite 200, Richmond, Virginia 23230, or bgreene@greenehurlocker.com. Interested persons may also download unofficial copies of the Application and other documents from the Commission’s website: scc.virginia.gov/case-information.

On or before May 14, 2026, any interested person may file comments on the Application by following the instructions on the Commission’s website: scc.virginia.gov/case-information/submit-public-comments. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2026-00037.

On or before May 14, 2026, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding or request that the Commission convene a hearing on the Company’s Application may do so by filing a notice of participation or a request for hearing with the Clerk of the Commission at: scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation or request for hearing electronically may file such notice or request by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such notice of participation or request for hearing shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-10 *et seq.* (“Rules of Practice”), any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. For additional information about participation as a respondent, any person or entity should obtain a copy of the Commission’s Order for Notice and Comment. Requests for hearing must include: (i) a precise statement of the filing party’s interest in the proceeding; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; (iii) a statement of the legal basis for such action; and (iv) a precise statement why a hearing should be conducted in this matter. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2026-00037.

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