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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

March 12, 2018

In the Matter of the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company Request for Approval of a Prepaid Pilot Program and Request for Waivers of COMAR and Commission Orders

Case No. 9453

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**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS**

On January 23, 2018, pursuant to Order No. 88438, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (“BGE” or “Company”) filed with the Maryland Public Service Commission (“Commission”) a Report on BGE’s Prepaid Pilot Program (“Report”).<sup>1</sup> Specifically, the Company reported back to the Commission on the following items:<sup>2</sup>

- The feasibility of implementing an autopay option that automatically adds funds to a customer’s prepaid account when it falls below a predetermined balance;
- The details of the process for a customer to switch from prepay to postpay billing;
- How BGE will adhere to third party notification requirements;
- The feasibility of tracking the customer’s receipt of notifications; and
- The development of parameters to evaluate the Prepaid Pilot.

In its Report, BGE indicated that it would be filing updated tariff pages as necessitated by Order No. 88438 and requested that the Report be considered by the Commission at the same it considers the revised tariff pages.

On March 8, 2018, to incorporate the conditions of Order No. 88438, BGE filed revisions to the Prepaid Pilot riders in its Retail Electric Service and Gas Tariffs with a proposed effective date of April 9, 2018.<sup>3</sup> Accordingly, the Commission hereby issues a request for comments from interested parties on both BGE’s January 23, 2018 Report and its proposed tariff revisions filed

<sup>1</sup> A copy of the Report can be viewed or downloaded from the electronic case jacket in this proceeding or from an electronic search of ML# 218658 available on the Commission’s website at [www.psc.state.md.us](http://www.psc.state.md.us).

<sup>2</sup> In addition, the Company reported back on two additional items (Return of Security Deposits and Definition of Low Income) based on input received from the Prepaid Pilot Working Group.

<sup>3</sup> See ML 219352.

on March 8, 2018. Written comments shall be filed by Wednesday, April 18, 2018.<sup>4</sup> The Commission has tentatively set review of this item at its April 25, 2018 Administrative Meeting.

Finally, pursuant to the provisions of § 4-204 of the Public Utilities Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland*, the Commission concludes that all of the proposed rates and charges outlined in the Companies prepaid pilot proposed tariff revisions should be suspended for a period of 60 days from April 9, 2018. The suspension period is necessary to provide the Commission with an opportunity to determine the justness and reasonable of the proposed tariff revisions, as well as consider the comments solicited herein.

By Direction of the Commission,

*/s/ David J. Collins*

David J. Collins  
Executive Secretary

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<sup>4</sup> An original and 17 paper copies, and an electronic copy, of all comments shall submitted to David J. Collins, Executive Secretary, 6 St. Paul Street – 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202 and reference “Case No. 9453.”  
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