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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BALTIMORE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR ADJUSTMENTS IN ITS ELECTRIC AND GAS BASE RATES

Case No. 9406

## GRANT OF REQUEST TO EXTEND PAGE LIMITATION FOR INITIAL AND REPLY BRIEFS

To: Service List – Case No. 9406

On April 18, 2016, the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company ("BGE" or "Company" filed with the Maryland Public Service Commission ("Commission") a Request to Extend the Page Limitation for Initial and Reply Briefs to 75 Pages ("Request") in the above-referenced matter. In its Request, BGE asks the Commission to waive the page limitation on briefs contained in COMAR 20.07.02.06 and permit the parties to file their initial and reply briefs up to 75 pages in length (excluding the table of contents, the table of authorities, and the appendix). BGE argues that the additional briefing opportunity afforded to the parties would be beneficial to the Commission considering a number of unique issues presented to the Commission as part this base rate case proceeding, including cost recovery of BGE's Smart Grid regulatory asset and a request to recover the increased Baltimore City conduit maintenance expense through a rider mechanism. BGE stated in its filing that it has consulted all of the parties who submitted testimony in this proceeding and indicated that none object to BGE's Request.

The Commission has considered BGE's Request for an extension of the page limitation on initial and reply briefs. The Commission finds good cause to extend the page limit to 75 pages (excluding the table of contents, the table of authorities, and the appendix) on initial and reply briefs filed by all parties in this proceeding. The Commission directs that all briefs should be submitted in a 12-point or greater font size.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ David J. Collins

David J. Collins Executive Secretary