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In the Matter of the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company’s Request for Approval of its Public Purpose Microgrid Proposal * * * * * Case No. 9416 * * * * *

NOTICE OF INITIATION OF NEW CASE AND HEARING

On December 18, 2015, the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (“BGE” or “Company”) filed with the Maryland Public Service Commission (“Commission”) a request for consideration and approval of BGE’s Public Purpose Microgrid Proposal (“Microgrid Proposal”). Specifically, BGE seeks Commission approval for a pilot project to construct, operate, and recover costs associated with two “public-purpose” microgrids located within the Company’s electric distribution service territory and a request for a waiver of the requirement to obtain a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the pilot project.¹ The Company requested that the Commission consider the matter at the January 27, 2016 Administrative Meeting.

On January 15, 2016, the Commission issued a letter order requesting comments from BGE and other interested parties to address some of the previously identified issues by the Commission in previous proceedings that would require further study prior to approval of microgrid projects. In that same letter order, pursuant to the provisions of § 4-204 of the Public Utilities Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland*, the Commission also suspended the proposed rates and charges outlined in the Company’s Microgrid Proposal for a period of 150 days from February 1, 2016, and set the comment due date for BGE and interested parties no later than February 26, 2016.²

After review of the comments filed by various parties on this matter³, the Commission has determined it is necessary to conduct a legislative-style hearing on BGE’s Microgrid Proposal. Therefore, the Commission hereby initiates Case No. 9416 and provides notice that it

¹ See ML 180913.

² See ML 182593.

³ Comments were filed by BGE; Prince George’s County, Maryland; Montgomery County, Maryland; Howard County, Maryland; Maryland Solar United Neighborhoods; WGL Energy Services, Inc. and WGL Energy Systems, Inc.; IGS Energy, NRG Energy, Inc., and SunEdison; The Microgrid Resources Coalition; and the Office of People’s Counsel. Copies of these comments may be viewed or downloaded from the electronic case jacket in this proceeding available on the Commission’s website at www.psc.state.md.us.

will conduct a legislative-style hearing on June 9, 2016 and June 10, 2016 (if needed) to consider BGE's Microgrid Proposal and the comments filed by interested persons in this proceeding. Furthermore, the Commission's Technical Staff is directed to review parties' comments previously filed in this proceeding, summarize those comments, and file its own written comments with the Commission on the Company's Microgrid Proposal by June 2, 2016. Finally, pursuant to § 4-204(b)(2)(ii) of the Public Utilities Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland*, the Commission finds that consideration of this matter cannot be completed within the initial 150-day suspension period and, therefore, extends the initial 150-day suspension period by an additional 30 days, or until July 30, 2016.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ David J. Collins

David J. Collins
Executive Secretary