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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

May 18, 2017

In the Matter of the Baltimore Gas and	*	
Electric Company Request for Approval of a	*	
Prepaid Pilot Program and Request for	*	Case No. 9453
Waivers of COMAR and Commission	*	
Orders	*	

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**NOTICE OF HEARING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS**

On April 21, 2017 Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (“BGE” or “Company”) filed with the Maryland Public Service Commission (“Commission”) a Request for Approval of a Prepaid Pilot Program and for Waivers of COMAR and Commission Orders (“Request”).<sup>1</sup> Specifically, the Company requests approval of a voluntary prepaid pilot program whereby customers can choose to prepay for their anticipated energy consumption, and through regular communications with BGE, track how their energy usage is trending in relation to their prepayment, and add to their prepaid account as needed. According to the filing, certain Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) provisions, Commission orders, and tariff provisions are either inapplicable to or incompatible with this prepaid proposal, and BGE seeks a waiver of specific COMAR, tariff, and Commission Order provisions for the purposes of conducting the pilot.<sup>2</sup> BGE also submitted proposed tariff pages for acceptance with an effective date of September 30, 2017 to implement the prepaid pilot program.

After reviewing the Request, the Commission has determined that a legislative-style hearing and comments from other interested parties are necessary to fully evaluate BGE’s Request. Accordingly, the Commission initiates the above-captioned proceeding and hereby provides notice of a hearing and comment period as follows:

<sup>1</sup> A copy of the Request can be viewed or downloaded from the electronic case jacket in this proceeding or from and electronic search of ML# 214777 available on the Commission’s website at [www.psc.state.md.us](http://www.psc.state.md.us).

<sup>2</sup> Request at pages 6-8.

Written Comments:

- Initial written comments from interested parties (who desire to do so) other than BGE be filed by July 19, 2017; and
- Reply Comments from BGE shall be filed by August 9, 2017.<sup>3</sup>

Legislative Hearing:

- Wednesday, August 23, 2017, beginning at 1:00 p.m.<sup>4</sup>

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 150 days from September 30, 2017. The suspension period is necessary to provide the Commission with an opportunity to determine the justness and reasonable of the Request, 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>3</sup> An original and 17 paper copies, and an electronic copy, of all comments shall submitted David J. Collins, Executive Secretary, 6 St. Paul Street – 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202 and reference “Case No. 9453.” In addition, five copies of all comments shall be three-holed punched.

<sup>4</sup> The legislative-style hearing will be held in the Commission’s 16<sup>th</sup> Floor Hearing Room, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.