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August 12, 2020

In The Matter of the Petition of NRG Energy,	•	BEFORE THE
Inc., Interstate Gas Supply, Inc., Just Energy	*	PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Group, Inc., Direct Energy Services, LLC	*	OF MARYLAND
And ENGIE Resources LLC; for	*	
Implementation of Supplier Consolidated	*	
Billing for Electricity And Natural Gas in	*	
Maryland	*	CASE NO. 9461
•	*	

GRANT OF REQUEST FOR FURTHER EXTENDED DEADLINES

On August 11, 2020, the Commission's Technical Staff ("Staff) requested a further extension¹ of the deadline for filing regulations regarding supplier consolidated billing.² Staff seeks an extension due to resource constraints from ongoing regulatory proceedings, such as the Baltimore Gas and Electric multi-year rate case, and outstanding issues in the workgroup.³ Staff is not requesting a corresponding delay in other dates of the supplier consolidated billing timeline.⁴ Staff further states that the following parties have no opposition to the request for extension: the Exelon Utilities (Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, Potomac Electric Power Company, and Delmarva Power & Light Company), the Maryland Energy Administration, The Potomac Edison Company, Montgomery County, and WGL Energy.⁵

Also on August 11, 2020, NRG Energy, Inc.; Interstate Gas Supply, Inc. d/b/a IGS Energy; Direct Energy Services, LLC; ENGIE Resources LLC; and Vistra Corp. (collectively, the "Retail Suppliers") filed a Response to the Request of the Staff to Extend the Deadline for Filing of Regulations Regarding Supplier Consolidated Billing, stating that they do not oppose Staff's request, but seek various changes to the proposed schedule, such as the inclusion of

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¹ On May 29, the Commission extended the deadline by which the Supplier Consolidated Billing Working Group ("SCBWG") must file draft regulations and business processes with the Commission from June 1, 2020 to September 1, 2020. Maillog No. 230505.

² Maillog No. 231412.

³ *Id*. at 1.

⁴ *Id*. at 2.

⁵ *Id*.

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consensus and non-consensus regulations, with a narrative explaining the various issues, in the ultimate September 22, 2020 filing.⁶

The Commission appreciates the challenges faced by Staff due to various circumstances that did not exist when the initial schedule was established. The Commission also prefers that the workgroup follow its normal workgroup processes, as proposed by Staff, which encourages parties to find as much compromise as possible before filing proposed regulations. Parties may, as always, propose alternative language during a subsequent comment period.

After considering the matter, the Commission grants an extension. Accordingly, by September 22, 2020, the SCBWG shall file draft regulations and business processes with the Commission and request that a rulemaking be implemented. In addition, the Commission is establishing a deadline of October 9, 2020 for interested persons to file comments regarding the draft regulations and/or to provide any alternative language for consideration. The Commission also approves, subject to later adjustment by the Commission, the revised schedule proposed by Staff on June 11, 2020, ⁷ as amended in Staff's August 11, 2020 extension request. ⁸

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ Andrew S. Johnston

Andrew S. Johnston Executive Secretary

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⁶ Maillog No. 231413.

⁷ Maillog No. 230660.

⁸ Maillog No. 231412.