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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Performance of Potomac *
Electric Power Company and Baltimore Gas * Case No. 9485
and Electric Company during the March 2, *
2018 Winter Storm Riley *
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NOTICE OF DOCKET INITIATION AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

On April 2, 2018, pursuant to COMAR 20.50.12.13, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (“BGE”) and Potomac Electric Power Company (“Pepco”) (collectively, the “Companies”) each filed with the Maryland Public Service Commission (“Commission”) its respective Major Outage Event Reports (“Reports”) concerning the March 2, 2018 Winter Storm named Riley.¹ BGE and Pepco individually experienced sustained interruption of electric service in excess of 100,000 customers. On May 31, 2018, the Commission’s Technical Staff (“Staff”) prepared written comments that provided an analysis of the Companies’ Reports (“Analysis”).²

In its Analysis of Pepco’s Report, Staff asserted that Pepco violated COMAR 20.50.12.13(15) which requires, “A self-assessment, including lessons learned and future plans to improve service restoration efforts during major outage events.” Staff recommended the Commission order Pepco to undertake a comprehensive lessons learned session with all storm functional areas and to provide the Commission with a corrective action plan per Public Utilities Article (“PUA”) §7-213(f)(2)(ii) based on Staff’s analysis and on any subsequent lessons learned sessions performed by Pepco. In its Analysis of BGE’s Report, Staff recommended that BGE provide the Commission with a corrective action plan per PUA § 7-213(f)(2)(ii) based on Staff’s assertion that BGE failed to comply with COMAR 20.50.12.06D for restoring service as quickly and safely as permitted. Finally, Staff noted that the Commission may wish to consider issuing a show cause order to determine if a civil penalty is warranted for each of BGE or Pepco under PUA §13-201.

¹ See ML Nos. 219772 and 219778.

² A copy of Staff’s comments can be viewed or downloaded from the electronic case jacket in this proceeding on the Commission’s website at www.psc.state.md.us. (Item 3). Staff’s comments also included an analysis of Choptank Electric Cooperative Inc.; Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Delmarva Power & Light Company; and the Potomac Edison Company’s Major Outage Event Reports.

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The Commission hereby initiates Case No. 9485 to investigate the performance of BGE and PEPCO during Winter Storm Riley. BGE and PEPCO shall file responsive comments to Staff's Analysis of BGE's and Pepco's Reports, respectively, by Friday, June 29, 2018. The Office of Peoples' Counsel and any other interested persons are invited to file replies to the Companies' responsive comments by July 13, 2018. An original and seventeen copies of the response comments or replies, together with an electronic copy, shall be addressed to Terry J. Romine, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. Five of the paper copies shall be three-hole punched. The Commission encourages the use of the Commission's "e-Filing" system for submission of the electronic copy of the filing. Details of the "e-Filing" system are on the Commission's web page, www.psc.state.md.us.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ Terry J. Romine

Terry J. Romine
Executive Secretary