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Maryland PSC to Hold Public Comment Hearings for Pepco Rate Case

(BALTIMORE, MD-March 4, 2021) – The Maryland Public Service Commission will hold two virtual public comment hearings on the multi-year rate plan (MRP) proposed by the Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco). **The first hearing will be held on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 6 p.m.; the second will be held a month later, on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 6 p.m.**

Pepco has proposed a three-year MRP from April 2021 through March 2024. The company seeks an increase in electric distribution rates of \$44 million, \$78 million and \$110 million beginning in 2021, 2022 and 2023, respectively. Pepco proposes to totally offset the rate increases in 2021 and 2022 (by accelerating the provision of certain tax benefits to customers) requesting an increase of \$56 million for electric distribution service in 2023. **According to Pepco, the total bill impact for the average residential customer would be just over \$5.80 in 2023.** Pepco provides electric delivery service to approximately 582,000 residential and commercial customers in Montgomery and Prince George's counties in Maryland.

To sign up to speak at the March 15 and/or April 15 hearing, please send an email to susan.howard@maryland.gov by 12 noon on March 12, 2021 and/or April 14, 2021. The hearings will be held on the WebEx platform and participants will receive an email with the link. The hearings will also be livestreamed on the Commission's YouTube channel (youtube.com/c/MarylandPSC).

Comments will also be accepted until May 5, 2021 through the Commission's online public comments portal, instructions for which can be found at: <https://www.psc.state.md.us/make-a-public-comment/> Comments should reference Case No. 9655.

Written comments referencing Case No. 9655 may also be sent by mail to:
Andrew S. Johnston, Executive Secretary
Maryland Public Service Commission
William Donald Schaefer Tower, 16th Floor
6 St. Paul Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Background: Last year, the Commission approved a pilot process to allow a utility to request a rate plan using a multi-year period. In May 2020, BGE was the first Maryland utility to request such a plan under this framework; Pepco filed a multi-year plan in October 2020. The Commission's use of this alternative form of ratemaking, which is used in several other states, is expected to limit the number and frequency of utility rate cases, and allow customers to know with certainty the timing and scale of changes in rates. Until now, the Commission has relied largely on a traditional form of ratemaking based on a past, or historic, 12-month period as the basis for electric and gas utilities to recover the cost of providing service to customers. As such, many utilities have filed rate cases as frequently as every year in an effort to recover their costs more quickly.

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The Maryland Public Service Commission regulates electric and gas utilities and suppliers, telephone companies (land lines), certain water and sewer companies, passenger motor vehicle carriers for hire (sedans, limousines, buses, Uber, Lyft), taxicab companies (in Baltimore City and County, Charles County, Cumberland and Hagerstown) and bay pilot rates.

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