## **ORDER NO. 86879**

IN THE MATTER OF THE MERGER OF EXELON CORPORATION AND PEPCO HOLDINGS, INC.

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF MARYLAND

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CASE NO. 9361

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Issued: February 27, 2015

On February 26, 2015 Exelon Corporation, Pepco Holdings, Inc., Potomac Electric Power Company, Delmarva Power & Light Company (collectively the "Applicants"), and Montgomery County and Prince George's County (together with Applicants collectively "Petitioners") filed a Joint Petition to Extend the Procedural Schedule in this matter. Petitioners request the Maryland Public Service Commission (the "Commission") to extend the briefing schedule and the date for a final order in this matter by two weeks "to allow the Petitioners time to continue constructive settlement discussion . . . and to discuss potential settlement with other parties."

Later that day, the State of Maryland/Maryland Energy Administration, Commission Technical Staff, and the Office of People's Counsel each filed a response to the Joint Petition in which each opposed the extension. In their response, each party indicated they were not involved in any current settlement discussions. Under the current schedule, initial briefs are due to be filed in two business days, on March 3, 2015.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Joint Petition, p. 1.

While the Commission in no way discourages any of the parties from discussing a

possible settlement with any of the other parties, it does not believe a delay in the current

briefing schedule is justified at this time. There is no settlement at this time, nor even an

agreement in principle to consider and the Commission will be aided by the filing of

initial briefs next week.

IT IS, THEREFORE, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year Two Thousand

Fifteen, by the Public Service Commission of Maryland,

**ORDERED:** (1) That the Joint Petition to Extend the Procedural Schedule is

hereby denied without prejudice; and

(2) That the parties are directed to adhere to the revised procedural schedule

dated February 13, 2015.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ David J. Collins

David J. Collins

**Executive Secretary** 

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