

ORDER NO. 87170

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION | * | BEFORE THE |
| OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND ELECTRIC | * | PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION |
| COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR AUTHORITY | * | OF MARYLAND |
| TO REVISE ITS RATES AND CHARGES | * | _____ |
| FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE AND CERTAIN | * | CASE NO. 9396 |
| RATE DESIGN CHANGES | * | _____ |
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Issue Date: September 22, 2015

On September 18, 2015, Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“SMECO” or “Company”) filed an application with the Maryland Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for authority to adjust its retail rates and charges for electric service and to make certain rate design changes. The Company also filed supporting testimony and exhibits which included applicable revised retail rate schedules for electric service as well as its Cost Allocation Manual (“CAM”) and associated independent audit opinion. In its application, the Company asks the Commission for authority to increase its operating revenues by approximately \$19.2 million with the proposed rates going into effect on October 18, 2015.

Pursuant to Public Utilities Article §4-204, *Annotated Code of Maryland*, the Commission concludes that the proposed rates filed by SMECO on September 18, 2015 should be suspended for a period of not more than 150 days from October 18, 2015. The suspension period is necessary to provide the Commission with an opportunity to determine the justness and reasonableness of the proposals.

IT IS THEREFORE, this 22nd day of September, in the year Two Thousand Fifteen by the Public Service Commission of Maryland,

ORDERED: (1) That the proposed rates filed by Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative, Inc. on September 18, 2015 are suspended for a period of not more than 150 days from October 18, 2015;

(2) That proceedings as to the justness and reasonableness of the proposed rates are instituted by the Commission; and

(3) That this matter is hereby delegated to the Public Utility Law Judge Division.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ David J. Collins

David J. Collins
Executive Secretary