

**ORDER NO. 87503**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION	*	BEFORE THE
OF POTOMAC ELECTRIC POWER	*	PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
COMPANY FOR ADJUSTMENTS TO ITS	*	OF MARYLAND
RETAIL RATES FOR THE DISTRIBUTION	*	
OF ELECTRIC ENERGY	*	_____
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	*	CASE NO. 9418
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**Issue Date: April 20, 2016**

On April 19, 2016, the Potomac Electric Power Company (“Pepco” or “Company”) filed an application for approval by the Public Service Commission (“Commission”) to increase the Company’s rates and charges for its electric distribution service (“Application”). The Company also filed supporting testimony and exhibits which included applicable revised retail rate schedules for electric service. In its Application, the Company asks the Commission for authority to increase its Maryland distribution rates by \$126,784,000 with the proposed rates going into effect on May 19, 2016. Pursuant to the provisions of § 4-204 of the Public Utilities Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland*, the Commission concludes that all of the proposed rates and charges should be suspended for a period of 150 days from May 19, 2016. The suspension period is necessary to provide the Commission with an opportunity to determine the justness and reasonableness of the proposed rates and charges.

A prehearing conference in this matter is hereby set for Monday, May 23, 2016, in the Commission’s 16<sup>th</sup> Floor Hearing Room, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St.

Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, beginning at 10 a.m. The purpose of the hearing is to set a procedural schedule for this proceeding, consider any petitions to intervene that have been filed, and consider any other preliminary matters requested by the parties. Petitions to intervene shall be filed by 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 18, 2016. Furthermore, discovery commences immediately for Pepco, the Commission's Technical Staff ("Staff") and the Office of People's Counsel ("OPC").

**IT IS, THEREFORE,** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year Two Thousand Sixteen, by the Public Service Commission of Maryland,

**ORDERED:** (1) That proceedings as to the justness and reasonableness of the proposed rates and charges are instituted by the Commission;

(2) That the proposed rates and charges filed by Potomac Electric Power Company on April 19, 2016 are suspended for a period of 150 days from May 19, 2016.

(3) That discovery commences immediately for Pepco, Staff, and OPC.

(4) That Potomac Electric Power Company is hereby directed to cause a display advertisement to be published in a newspaper(s) in general circulation throughout its service area at least two times prior to May 18, 2016, that includes a description of the matter on which the prehearing is being held and the time, date, place and purpose of the prehearing conference scheduled for May 23, 2016. The notice shall also advise persons who seek to intervene in this proceeding that an original and 17 copies, plus one electronic copy,<sup>1</sup> of any petition to intervene, shall be filed with David J. Collins, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer

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<sup>1</sup> The Commission encourages parties to use the Commission's "e-file" system for filing the electronic copy. Details of the "e-file" system are on the Commission's web page, [www.psc.state.md.us](http://www.psc.state.md.us). Additionally, five paper copies of the petition shall be three-hole punched.

Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, by Wednesday, May 18, 2016;<sup>2</sup>

(5) That Potomac Electric Power Company shall file a proof of publication on or before the date of the prehearing conference;

(6) That Potomac Electric Power Company shall also place on its home page a notice of the prehearing conference and the date by which petitions to intervene in the matter must be filed in a manner that a customer need not click the link to determine the date, time, location and purpose of the prehearing conference or the date by which a petition to intervene must be filed; and

(7) That the Potomac Electric Power Company is directed to employ any routinely-used social media platforms, such as Twitter or Facebook, and any other means of communication at its disposal to further notify its customers of the prehearing conference, as appropriate.

By Direction of the Commission,

*/s/ David J. Collins*

David J. Collins  
Executive Secretary

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<sup>2</sup> Persons are reminded that if the “e-file” system is used, the original and required paper copies of the filing must be delivered to the Commission’s docket room by noon, the next business day after the e-filing is made to retain the filing date of the e-filed document. In the event the paper copies are received after noon of the next business day, the date on which the paper copies are received becomes the official filing date.