

ORDER NO. 88328

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO REVISE ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE AND CERTAIN RATE DESIGN CHANGES <hr/> | * * * * * * * | BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF MARYLAND <hr/> CASE NO. 9456 <hr/> |
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Issue Date: August 4, 2017

On August 1, 2017, 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, in a separate filing, its Cost Allocation Manual.¹ In its application, the Company asks the Commission for authority to decrease its operating revenues by \$1,854,548 with the proposed rates going into effect on September 1, 2017.

Pursuant to Public Utilities Article §4-204, *Annotated Code of Maryland*, the Commission concludes that the proposed rates filed by SMECO on August 1, 2017, should be suspended for a period of not more than 150 days from September 1, 2017. 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 4th day of August, in the year Two Thousand

¹ See Maillog # 216337.

Seventeen by the Public Service Commission of Maryland,

ORDERED: (1) That the proposed rates filed by Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative, Inc. on August 1, 2017 are suspended for a period of not more than 150 days from September 1, 2017;

(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