

**ORDER NO. 88382**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CHOPTANK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO REVISE ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE <hr style="width: 35%; margin-left: 0;"/>	* * * * * * *	BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF MARYLAND <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> CASE NO. 9459 <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/>
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**Issue Date: September 13, 2017**

On September 12, 2017, Choptank Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“Choptank” or “Cooperative”) filed an application with the Maryland Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for authority to revise its rates and charges for electric distribution service. The Cooperative also filed supporting testimony and related exhibits, which included a cost allocation manual, cost of service study, and applicable revised retail rate schedules for electric service.<sup>1</sup> In its application, Choptank asks the Commission for authority to increase its operating revenues through distribution rates by \$8,334,290 with the proposed rates going into effect on October 11, 2017.

Pursuant to Public Utilities Article §4-204, *Annotated Code of Maryland*, the Commission concludes that the proposed rates filed by Choptank on September 12, 2017, should be suspended for a period of not more than 150 days from October 12, 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 13th day of September, in the year Two Thousand

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<sup>1</sup> See Maillog # 216824.

Seventeen by the Public Service Commission of Maryland,

**ORDERED:** (1) That the proposed rates filed by Choptank Electric Cooperative, Inc. on September 12, 2017 are suspended for a period of not more than 150 days from October 12, 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