

ORDER NO. 88812

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY FOR ADJUSTMENTS TO ITS RETAIL RATES FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC ENERGY <hr/> | * * * * * * * | BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF MARYLAND <hr/> CASE NO. 9490 <hr/> |
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Issue Date: August 29, 2018

On August 24, 2018, The Potomac Edison Company (“PE”) or “Company”), submitted an application for authority to adjust its retail rates for the distribution of electric energy (“Application”) to the Public Service Commission (“Commission”) The Company also filed supporting testimony and exhibits, which included proposed tariff page revisions effective September 24, 2018 (“Tariff Revisions”). The Company has requested a revenue increase of \$19,180,923 as well as a modest reliability surcharge to fund four additional incremental reliability programs.

A prehearing conference in this matter is hereby set for Friday, September 28, 2018, in the Frank O. Heintz Hearing Room, 16th Floor, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, beginning at 10:00 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, September 26, 2018. Furthermore, discovery commences immediately for PE, the Commission’s Technical Staff, and the Office of People’s Counsel.

IT IS, THEREFORE, this 29th day of August in the year Two Thousand Eighteen, by the Public Service Commission of Maryland,

ORDERED: (1) That proceedings to consider the Application and the justness and reasonableness of the proposed rates, terms, and conditions of the Tariff Revisions are instituted by the Commission;

(2) That, pursuant to Public Utilities Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland*, § 4-204, the Tariff Revisions filed by The Potomac Edison Company are suspended for an initial period of 150 days from September 24, 2018;

(3) That discovery commences immediately for The Potomac Edison Company, the Commission's Technical Staff, and the Office of People's Counsel;

(4) That The Potomac Edison 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 September 24, 2018, that includes a description of the matter on which the prehearing conference is being held and the time, date, place, and purpose of the prehearing conference scheduled for September 28, 2018. The notice shall also advise persons who seek to intervene in this proceeding that an original and 17 copies, plus one electronic copy,¹ of any petition to intervene, shall be filed with Terry J Romine, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, by Wednesday, September 26, 2018;

¹ 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 (Online Services). Additionally, five paper copies of the petition shall be three-hole punched.

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

(6) That The Potomac Edison Company also shall 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 Edison 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/ Terry J. Romine

Terry J. Romine
Executive Secretary