

ORDER NO. 88849

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION *
OF TRANSOURCE MARYLAND LLC FOR *
A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC *
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO *
CONSTRUCT TWO NEW 230 KV *
TRANSMISSION LINES ASSOCIATED *
WITH THE INDEPENDENCE ENERGY *
CONNECTION PROJECT IN PORTIONS *
OF HARFORD AND WASHINGTON *
COUNTIES, MARYLAND *

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF MARYLAND

CASE NO. 9471

Issue Date: September 26, 2018

On February 2, 2018, the Maryland Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued Order No. 88585 setting forth a procedural schedule in the above-captioned case. On July 13, 2018, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Power Plant Research Program (“PPRP”) submitted its completeness review of the above-captioned Application, in which it concluded the Application was not complete. PPRP requested to submit a modified procedural schedule in the matter by August 31, 2018. On July 26, 2018, the Commission granted PPRP’s request.

On August 31, 2018, PPRP submitted an Updated Completeness Review and indicated the Application is now complete. PPRP also submitted a proposed revised procedural schedule for the Commission’s consideration. The revised procedural schedule included dates for submission of written testimony, a proposed timeline for evidentiary hearings, and suggested dates for the two public hearings to be held in each of Harford and Washington Counties. PPRP represented it had coordinated with the parties

to the matter, although it had not been able to reach every pro se party to obtain concurrence with the proposed scheduled.

The Commission will adopt the dates by which written testimony will be due from the parties and the proposed time frame for the evidentiary hearings. The Commission, however, has some concerns with the proposed public comment hearing dates in December, especially as the testimony of the parties other than Transource Maryland LLC will not have been filed. Further, the Commission concludes that a public comment hearing on a Saturday in each of the Counties will provide more opportunity for members of the public to attend a hearing and provide comment on the Application. Accordingly, the Commission considers the suggested dates in March 2019 to be appropriate for the first set of public hearings. The dates for the second set of public hearings are Saturday, March 23, 2019, and Saturday, March 30, 2019.

In Order No. 88585, the Commission directed the Applicant, in coordination with Harford County Government and Washington County Government, to work with the Executive Secretary to schedule the dates and specific locations for the public comment hearings. The directive of Order No. 88585 remains in effect, and the Applicant is directed to coordinate with each of the County Governments to identify locations in each County that may be appropriate for the public hearing in each County. For the March 2019 hearings, a hearing in each County may be held on one of the four dates to allow some flexibility in identifying a location for the public hearing. For the evening hearings, each of the hearings will begin at 6:30 p.m., but the location must be available for set up at least one-half hour before the hearing commencement time. For the

Saturday hearings, the hearings will begin at noon (12:00 p.m.), but the location must be available for set up at least one-half hour before the hearing commencement time.

IT IS, THEREFORE, this 26th day of September in the year Two Thousand Eighteen, by the Public Service Commission of Maryland,

ORDERED: (1) That Parties shall file pleadings in this proceeding as follows:

- (a) Staff, PPRP, OPC and Intervenors shall file direct testimony by January 25, 2019;
- (b) All Parties shall file rebuttal testimony by March 1, 2019;
- (c) All Parties' Surrebuttal Testimony and PPRP Reply to Public Comments (if needed) to be filed by March 29, 2019; and
- (d) Live Rejoinder Testimony may be allowed among the parties (as needed) during the evidentiary hearings.

An original and 17 paper copies, and an electronic copy,¹ of the pleadings shall be submitted to Terry J. Romine, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. Five of the paper copies shall be three-hole punched. The Parties are directed to serve all testimony electronically on all parties no later than 6:00 p.m. on the date of the filing;

(2) That the Parties shall abide by the discovery procedure set forth in Order No. 88585;

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. Additionally, five paper copies of the petition shall be three-hole punched. 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.

(3) That evidentiary hearings will be held in the Frank O. Heintz Hearing Room, 16th Floor, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202 on the dates and times as follows:

- (a) April 8, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;
- (b) April 9, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;
- (c) April 10, 2019, beginning at 1:00 p.m.;
- (d) April 11, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;
- (e) April 12, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;
- (f) April 15, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;
- (g) April 16, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;
- (h) April 17, 2019, beginning at 1:00 p.m.; and
- (i) April 18, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

In the event additional hearing days are required to complete the evidentiary hearing, the hearings will continue, as needed, on:

- (a) April 23, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;
- (b) April 24, 2019, beginning at 1:00 p.m.; and
- (c) April 25, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The Commission reserves the right to revise the hearing schedule, as needed;

(4) That Transource Maryland LLC, in coordination with Harford County Government and Washington County Government, is directed to identify locations for the public comment hearings in this matter using the first set and second set of dates set forth in this Order, and is directed to coordinate with the Commission's

Executive Secretary once the locations and dates for each location are confirmed; and

(5) That the Commission reserves the right to revise the procedural schedule, as necessary.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ Terry J. Romine

Terry J. Romine
Executive Secretary