

**ORDER NO. 89000**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF POTOMAC ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY FOR ADJUSTMENTS TO ITS RETAIL RATES FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC ENERGY	* * * * * * *	BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF MARYLAND  _____ CASE NO. 9602 _____
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**Issue Date: January 16, 2019**

On January 15, 2019, Potomac Electric Power Company (“Pepco” or “Company”) filed an application with the Maryland Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for authority to adjust its retail rates for the distribution of electric energy (“Application”). The Company also filed supporting testimony, exhibits, and related tariff revisions. The proposed rates are designed to produce additional annual distribution revenues of \$29,990,000. In its proposed revisions to its tariff accompanying the Application, Pepco requests that the proposed rate increase become effective on February 14, 2019.

Pursuant to Public Utilities Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland*, § 4-204 the Commission concludes that all of the proposed rates and charges should be suspended for a period of 150 days from February 14, 2019. The suspension period is necessary to provide the Commission with an opportunity to determine the justness and reasonableness of the proposed rates and charges.

**IT IS, THEREFORE,** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year Two Thousand Nineteen, by the Public Service Commission of Maryland,

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

(2) That the proposed rates filed by Potomac Electric Power Company are suspended for a period of 150 days from February 14, 2019; and

(3) That this matter is delegated to the Public Utility Law Judge Division

By Direction of the Commission,

*/s/ Terry J. Romine*

Terry J. Romine  
Executive Secretary