

ORDER NO. 89163

IN THE MATTER OF THE
 COMMISSION’S INVESTIGATION INTO
 DEFAULT SERVICE FOR TYPE II
 STANDARD OFFER SERVICE
 CUSTOMERS

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BEFORE THE
 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
 OF MARYLAND

CASE NO. 9056

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPETITIVE
 SELECTION OF ELECTRICITY
 SUPPLIER/STANDARD OFFER OR
 DEFAULT SERVICE FOR INVESTOR-
 OWNED UTILITY SMALL COMMERCIAL
 CUSTOMERS AND FOR THE POTOMAC
 EDISON COMPANY D/B/A ALLEGHENY
 POWER’S, BALTIMORE GAS AND
 ELECTIC COMPANY’S, DELMARVA
 POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY’S AND
 POTOMAC ELECTRIC POWER
 COMPANY’S RESIDENTIAL
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CASE NO. 9064

Issue Date: June 14, 2019

On June 13, 2019, in Case Nos. 9056 and 9064, a hearing was held concerning the conduct and results of the June 10, 2019 Standard Offer Service (“SOS”) solicitations for residential customers of The Potomac Edison Company and Type II commercial customers full requirement services by each of the State’s investor-owned electric utilities (individually, “IOU”; and collectively, “IOUs”)¹ pursuant to Order No. 81019 in

¹ These IOUs are Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, Delmarva Power & Light Company, Potomac Electric Power Company, and The Potomac Edison Company.

Case No. 9056,² Order No. 81102 in Case No. 9064,³ and Order No. 82228⁴ in Case Nos. 9056 and 9064. At the hearing, Dr. James Letzelter of the Liberty Consulting Group (“Bid Monitor”) testified on the conduct and results of the SOS solicitations for each IOU and David Hoppock of Commission Staff (“Staff”) testified on the estimates of bill impacts given the results of the June 10, 2019 SOS bidding.

The Bid Monitor testified that the June 10, 2019 bid solicitation was for full requirements service for 18 blocks and that in response to the solicitation for the entire Request for Proposals, approximately 5.13 megawatts (“MW”) were bid for every MW needed overall. The Bid Monitor recommended that the Commission accept the results of the June 10, 2019 bid day. The recommendation was based on the following points: (1) the bidding process conformed to the plans under which the bidding took place, (2) sufficient participation existed for all blocks offered by the IOUs, (3) the bidding and bid evaluation processes and activities, which the Bid Monitor oversaw directly and on-site, were conducted transparently and with regularity, (4) the results of the solicitations were consistent with the Bid Monitor’s expectations based on current market conditions, and

² Order No. 81019 dated August 28, 2006, *In the Matter of the Commission’s Investigation into Default Service for Type II Standard Offer Service Customers*, Case No. 9056. The Commission denied an application for rehearing by Order No. 81093, dated November 2, 2006.

³ Order No. 81102 dated November 8, 2006, *In the Matter of the Competitive Selection of Electricity Supplier/Standard Offer or Default Service for Investor-Owned Utility Small Commercial Customers; and for the Potomac Edison Company d/b/a Allegheny Power’s, Delmarva Power and Light Company’s and Potomac Electric Power Company’s Residential Customers*, Case No. 9064.

⁴ Order No. 82228 dated September 12, 2008, *In the Matter of the Commission’s Investigation into Default Service for Type II Standard Offer Service Customers*, Case No. 9056, and *In the Matter of the Competitive Selection of Electricity Supplier/Standard Offer or Default Service for Investor-Owned Utility Small Commercial Customers; and for the Potomac Edison Company d/b/a Allegheny Power’s, Delmarva Power and Light Company’s and Potomac Electric Power Company’s Residential Customers*, Case No. 9064.

(5) for The Potomac Edison residential block bids, the average of winning bids fell under their respective Price Anomaly Threshold.⁵

No party offered any testimony rebutting the Bid Monitor's testimony or commented on the Bid Monitor's recommendation. Accordingly, the Commission accepts the results of the June 10, 2019 bid day and takes no action on the award of the contracts for the bids found to be acceptable.

IT IS THEREFORE, this 14th day of June, in the year Two Thousand Nineteen, by the Public Service Commission of Maryland,

ORDERED: (1) That the four Maryland investor-owned electric utilities may proceed to finalize the June 10, 2019 contracts awarded in accordance with the procedures set forth in the 2018–2019 Request for Proposals and applicable Commission Orders.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ Terry J. Romine

Terry J. Romine
Executive Secretary

⁵ Staff Exhibit 1, Direct Testimony of Dr. James Letzelter, The Liberty Consulting Group on behalf of the Staff of the Public Service Commission of Maryland, dated January 10, 2019, at 2.