

ORDER NO. 89572

Baltimore Gas and Electric Company's
"Pay It Forward" Pilot Program

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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF MARYLAND

CASE NO. 9646

Issue Date: June 30, 2020

On June 26, 2020, the Public Service Commission (“Commission”) held a scheduling conference in the above-captioned proceeding to establish a procedural schedule, to consider any petitions to intervene, and to address any other pending preliminary matters. Attorneys representing Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (“BGE”), Office of People’s Counsel (“OPC”), the Commission’s Technical Staff (“Staff”), the Maryland Energy Administration (“MEA”), the Sierra Club, and the Baltimore Washington Construction and Public Employees Laborers' District Council (“BWLDC”), (collectively, “Parties”), appeared at the pre-hearing conference.

At the scheduling conference, the Commission adopted a procedural schedule for the matter. In addition, the Commission granted intervention for all Parties that filed a Petition to Intervene in this proceeding.

Further, the Commission adopted the discovery procedure proposed by the Parties. Discovery for all Parties commences immediately. The discovery procedure is as follows:

- Responses to discovery requests served through March 18, 2021, are due within ten (10) business days of service, and any objections made within three (3) business days.
- After March 18, 2021 and through April 8, 2021, responses to discovery requests are due within seven (7) business days of service, and any objections made within two (2) business days.
- After April 8, 2021, responses to discovery requests are due within five (5) business days of service, and any objections made within two (2) business days.
- The Parties should consult with each other and attempt in good faith to resolve all disputes prior to making an objection and again prior to filing a motion seeking relief from the Commission. In the event Parties are unable to resolve a dispute, the aggrieved party may file a motion for relief within three (3) business days from service of the written objection. The opponent shall respond to the motion within two (2) business of service of the motion. The motion and response shall be in letter format, and shall each be limited in length to three single-spaced pages with a 12-point or greater font. The motion must specify the dates and times of all consultations for the purpose of resolving the dispute. The Parties shall contact the Executive Secretary via phone or email to schedule a hearing, if necessary, and shall provide the Executive Secretary an electronic copy of the motion and response.

All testimony and discovery shall be served electronically on each of the Parties to avoid delay in receipt. Parties shall ensure that the correct email of the person(s) to whom the testimony and discovery should be sent are updated and current on the service list for this matter.

Written comments on this matter may also be submitted electronically or by first-class mail by **April 27, 2021**. Comments submitted electronically must be submitted through the Commission's Public Comment Dropbox, which can be accessed through the Commission's website at www.psc.state.md.us. Instructions for logging into the Public Comment Dropbox are located under the "Tools" section of the Commission's website under the "Make a Public Comment" tab, which can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.psc.state.md.us/make-a-public-comment/>. Commenters utilizing the Public Comment Dropbox for the first-time are required to complete a one-time registration. All comments must include a reference to Case No. 9646. If submitted by first-class mail, comments must be addressed to Andrew S. Johnston, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

IT IS, THEREFORE, this 30th day of June in the year Two Thousand Twenty, by the Public Service Commission of Maryland,

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

- (a) BGE shall file direct testimony by February 5, 2021;
- (b) Parties, other than BGE, shall file testimony by March 19, 2021;
- (c) BGE shall file rebuttal testimony by April 9, 2021;

(d) Parties shall file an initial brief by May 14, 2021; and

(e) Parties shall file a reply brief by May 28, 2021.

Pleadings shall be submitted to Andrew S. Johnston, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.¹ The Parties are directed to serve all testimony electronically on all Parties no later than 5:00 p.m. on the date of the filing;

(2) That the Parties shall abide by the discovery procedure set forth in this Order;

(3) That evidentiary hearings will be held, on the dates and times as follows:

(a) April 22, 2021, beginning at 10:00 a.m.; and

(b) April 23, 2020, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ Andrew S. Johnston

Andrew S. Johnston
Executive Secretary

¹ All Parties shall use the Commission's e-file system available on its website to file their pleadings.