

ORDER NO. 89671

Potomac Electric Power Company’s
Application for an Electric Multi-Year
Plan

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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF MARYLAND

CASE NO. 9655

Issue Date: December 3, 2020

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC COMMENT HEARINGS

On October 26, 2020, Potomac Electric Power Company (“Pepco”) submitted to the Commission an application for authority to adjust its retail rates for the distribution of electric energy and implement a Multi-Year Plan (“MYP”) in its Maryland service territory pursuant to *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Public Utilities Article (“PUA”) §§ 4-203, 4-204 and 7-505(c)(1) (“Application”).¹ A prehearing scheduling conference was held on November 23, 2020, during which the Commission adopted a procedural

¹ In support of its Application Pepco also filed supporting testimony, data required by the Commission’s general filing requirements, and proposed rate schedules. Pepco proposes a three-year MYP covering the three-year period April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2024. The costs in the proposed MYP cover investments made since Pepco’s last base rate case and forecasted to be made through March 31, 2024. Pepco projects spending approximately \$259 million in 2020 and \$1.09 billion over the four- year calendar period 2021-2024 on upgrades and improvements to Pepco’s Maryland distribution system, and requests authority to address claimed (*i.e.*, projected) electric revenue deficiencies of \$44 million for the 12 months ending March 31, 2022, \$78 million for the 12 months ending March 31, 2023 and \$110 million for the 12 months ending March 31, 2024. Pepco’s proposal includes the acceleration of certain tax benefits and a pause in amortization expense that would result in no overall distribution rate increase for customers during the first two years of the MYP, and a partial offset to overall distribution rates in the third year of the MYP. Accordingly, in April of 2023, customers would see an overall distribution rate increase, after off-sets, of \$56 million. The impact of the requested April 2023 rate increase on the typical residential Standard Offer Service customer using 811 kWh per month would be \$5.50 per month, representing a 4.4% increase.

schedule for the matter, except for the schedule for evening public hearings.²

Notice is hereby given that hearings for the purpose of soliciting comments from the public will be held on **Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** and **Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** via virtual meeting.¹ If you would like to speak at the February 8, 2021 hearing, please send an email to susan.howard@maryland.gov by **12:00 noon on Friday, February 5, 2021.**³ If you would like to speak at the March 11, 2021 hearing, please send an email to susan.howard@maryland.gov by **12:00 noon on Wednesday, March 10, 2021.** Anyone wishing to observe the live stream of the public hearings may do so via the Commission's YouTube channel.⁴ Please also direct any questions about the public hearing to susan.howard@maryland.gov.

Written comments on this matter may also be submitted electronically or by first-class mail by **March 29, 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 using 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. 9655. If submitted by first-class mail, comments must be addressed to Andrew S. Johnston, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission,

² Order No. 89677.

³ The meetings will be held through WebEx and participants will receive an email with the link to the virtual meeting.

⁴ <https://www.youtube.com/c/MarylandPSC>.

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Pepco is hereby directed to publish a notice of the public comment hearings, including the caption, case number, the time, date, access information for the hearing, and the deadline for written comments as a display advertisement in newspapers in general circulation throughout Pepco's service area at least two times each before **February 8, 2021 and March, 11, 2021**.

Pepco is also directed to place on its homepage a notice of the public hearings in a manner that a customer need not click the link to determine the date, time, and purpose of the public hearings or the date by which public comments must be filed. Further, Pepco 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 public hearings and the dates by which public comments must be filed.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ Andrew S. Johnston

Andrew S. Johnston
Executive Secretary