

ORDER NO. 89742

2021 – 2023 EmPOWER Maryland Program

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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF MARYLAND

CASE NO. 9648

Issue Date: February 22, 2021

**ORDER AUTHORIZING MODIFICATIONS TO POTOMAC EDISON’S
2021-2023 EMPOWER PROGRAM**

1. On June 19, 2020, the Commission issued Order No. 89568 which, in relevant part, directed The Potomac Edison Company (“Potomac Edison”) and others to file their respective energy efficiency, conservation, and demand response plans for the 2021-2023 EmPOWER Program Cycle.
2. Potomac Edison filed its 2021-2023 EmPOWER Maryland Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plan on September 1, 2020.
3. The Commission conducted a hearing on the 2021-2023 EmPOWER Plans from October 26 through October 29, 2020. On December 18, 2020, the Commission issued Order No. 89679 authorizing Potomac Edison and others to transition to the next three-year program cycle for EmPOWER Maryland and approving proposals to continue operating core energy efficiency programs as well as institute new programs, pilots, and enhancements to the suite of energy efficiency portfolios.

4. On January 15, 2021, Potomac Edison filed a Request for Rehearing with respect to two issues resulting from incorrect and incomplete information filed by Potomac Edison upon which the Commission relied. Potomac Edison first seeks modification to the commercial and industrial (“C&I”) incentives for its Appliance Recycling Program, stating that it inadvertently omitted agreed-upon increases to Table 23 attached to its 2021-2023 Plan. Specifically, Potomac Edison requests incentive increases from \$25 to \$35 for dehumidifiers and air conditioners and from \$75 to \$100 for refrigerators and freezers. Potomac Edison next seeks modification to the incentives for its new C&I Retrocommissioning Program, noting that it failed to include recommended incentives for that Program in its 2021-2023 Plan. Specifically, Potomac Edison requests that the Commission apply the same incentives that were approved for the other utilities’ Retrocommissioning Programs rather than those found in Table 107 of Staff’s Comments on the 2021-2023 EmPOWER Maryland Plans, with the exception that Potomac Edison does not want to implement a cap on building tune-ups for small and large customers.

5. On January 19, 2021, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity to Comment on Potomac Edison’s Request for Rehearing, directing other parties to file comments, if necessary, on any issues raised in Potomac Edison’s Request by February 9, 2021.

6. On February 9, 2021, the Commission’s Technical Staff filed comments stating that it does not oppose the requests by Potomac Edison for incentive modifications.

7. As stated by both Potomac Edison and Commission Staff, the C&I Appliance Recycling and Retrocommissioning Programs are still projected to be cost-effective with the modified incentives. Furthermore, Potomac Edison noted that it calculated its

program budgets and cost benefits using the requested rather than those currently in place. The Commission therefore approves the requests by Potomac Edison to modify the incentives associated with its C&I Appliance Recycling and Retrocommissioning Programs as specified in its January 15, 2021 filing.

IT IS THEREFORE, this 22nd day of February, in the year Two Thousand Twenty-One, by the Public Service Commission of Maryland,

ORDERED: 1. That The Potomac Edison Company's request to increase its C&I Appliance Recycling incentives from \$25 to \$35 for dehumidifiers and air conditioners and from \$75 to \$100 for refrigerators and freezers is hereby granted; and

2. That Potomac Edison's request to replace the incentives imported from Table 107 of Staff's Comments on the 2021-2023 EmPOWER Maryland Plans to its C&I Retrocommissioning Program with the same incentives that the Commission approved for the other utilities' Retrocommissioning Programs is hereby granted, including Potomac Edison's request to not implement a cap on building tune-ups for small and large customers.

/s/ Jason M. Stanek

/s/ Michael T. Richard

/s/ Anthony J. O'Donnell

/s/ Odogwu Obi Linton

/s/ Mindy L. Herman

Commissioners