

ORDER NO. 89783

In the Matter of the Maryland Energy
Storage Pilot Program

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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF MARYLAND

CASE NO. 9619

Issue Date: March 30, 2021

**ORDER ON TOWN HILL ENERGY STORAGE PILOT PROPOSAL
OF POTOMAC EDISON**

1. On April 15, 2020, The Potomac Edison Company (“Potomac Edison”) filed an application for two energy storage pilot programs. On November 6, 2020, the Commission denied one of Potomac Edison’s programs (the “Little Orleans Proposal”) at Potomac Edison’s request, and deferred consideration of the other (the “Town Hill Proposal”).¹ On December 22, 2020, Potomac Edison requested an expedited decision on the Town Hill Proposal.² On February 5, 2021, Potomac Edison filed a replacement pilot proposal (the “Urbana Proposal”), in place of the Little Orleans Proposal.³
2. Following notice and an opportunity for stakeholder comment, on March 24, 2021, the Commission held a legislative-style hearing to consider Potomac Edison’s

¹ Order No. 89664. That Order also approved, with modification, six energy storage projects proposed by Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, Potomac Electric Power Company, and Delmarva Power and Light Company.

² Maillog No. 233059.

³ Maillog No. 233685.

applications, at which time Potomac Edison again requested an expedited decision on the Town Hill Proposal, citing operational reasons. Also at the hearing, Potomac Edison stated that it had no objections to the general conditions⁴ set by the Commission in its November 6, 2020 approval of six energy storage projects proposed by Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, Potomac Electric Power Company, and Delmarva Power and Light Company. Also at the hearing, in response to concerns raised by Staff, a representative of Convergent (the project developer with whom Potomac Edison is partnering) stated that its intention is to make the facility available to Potomac Edison for fifty (50) days each year.

3. The Commission now approves the Town Hill Proposal, subject (where applicable) to the general conditions included in Order No. 89664.⁵ Approval is also contingent on the final contract between Potomac Edison and Convergent being consistent with the representations made by Convergent at the March 24 hearing. A subsequent order addressing the Town Hill and Urbana Proposals in greater detail, and potentially including further modifications beyond those contained in this Order, will follow.

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

ORDERED: That the Town Hill energy storage pilot project proposed by The

⁴ Order No. 89664 addressed nine general topics (contingency projections; PJM market participation; recovery of operating and maintenance (O&M) costs; cost allocation; emissions management and tracking; decommissioning, safety, and fire prevention; data collection metrics; proposals to extend the pilot; and utility compliance with state and local laws) applicable to all projects.

⁵ For those conditions that required utility performance by a certain date, the Commission will provide new dates in a subsequent order.

Potomac Edison Company is approved, subject to the conditions contained in this order.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ Andrew S. Johnston

Andrew S. Johnston
Executive Secretary