

ORDER NO. 90335

2021-2023 EmPOWER Maryland
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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF MARYLAND

CASE NO. 9648

Issue Date: August 26, 2022

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

On August 15, 2022, the Department of Housing and Community Development (“DHCD”) filed its semi-annual report on the EmPOWER Maryland Limited-Income Program.¹ The filing included a request to implement prescriptive priority lists for the EmPOWER Whole Home Efficiency Program. Specifically, DHCD explained that the U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”) issues a Weatherization Program Notice that allows Weatherization Assistance Program (“WAP”) grantees the option to use regional priority lists for certain projects to facilitate greater impacts and reduce administrative burdens. DHCD is requesting to implement a similar prescriptive priority list for the EmPOWER Whole Home Efficiency program in order to align with the WAP to allow for seamless leveraging of funds and for increased efficiency of program delivery.

DHCD convened the Limited Income Work Group regarding this matter. The Work Group reached consensus on a number of details regarding DHCD’s request, all of which are listed in the DHCD filing. DHCD plans to begin using the DOE priority lists in Q3 or Q4 of 2022, therefore making this a timely matter for the Commission’s consideration.

¹ Maillog No. 241906.

Inasmuch as DHCD's request may impact or bear relevance to any of the EmPOWER Maryland utilities, the Commission invites other parties to raise any related issues. Accordingly, any comments on issues related to the DHCD request shall be filed by September 6, 2022.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ Andrew S. Johnston

Andrew S. Johnston
Executive Secretary