

**ORDER NO. 90438**

Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative,  
Inc.’s Application for Authority to Revise  
Rates and Charges

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BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF MARYLAND

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CASE NO. 9688  
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**Issue Date: December 7, 2022**

On December 1, 2022, Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“SMECO” or “Company”) filed an application with the Commission (“Commission”) for authority to adjust its retail rates and charges for electric service and to make certain rate design changes. The Company also filed supporting testimony and exhibits, which included applicable revised retail rate schedules for electric service, as well as, in a separate filing, its Cost Allocation Manual.<sup>1</sup> In its application, the Company asks the Commission for authority to increase its operating revenues by \$15.75 million, with the proposed rates going into effect on January 1, 2023. SMECO states that this proposed increase would result in an approximate 8 percent overall increase for the average customer-member.

Pursuant to Public Utilities Article §4-204, *Annotated Code of Maryland*, the Commission concludes that the proposed rates filed by SMECO on December 1, 2022, should be suspended for a period of not more than 150 days from January 1, 2023. The suspension period is necessary to provide the Commission with an opportunity to determine the justness and reasonableness of the proposals.

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<sup>1</sup> Maillog No. 300364.

**IT IS THEREFORE**, this 7th day of December, in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Two by the Public Service Commission of Maryland, **ORDERED** that:

(1) The proposed rates filed by Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative, Inc. on December 1, 2023, are suspended for a period of not more than 150 days from January 1, 2023;

(2) Proceedings as to the justness and reasonableness of the proposed rates are instituted by the Commission; and

(3) This matter is delegated to the Public Utility Law Judge Division.

By Direction of the Commission,

*/s/ Andrew S. Johnston*

Andrew S. Johnston  
Executive Secretary