

ORDER NO. 90652

The 2024-2026 EmPOWER Maryland
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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF MARYLAND

CASE NO. 9705

Issue Date: June 7, 2023

Pursuant to Public Utilities Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland*, §7-211(h)(2), House Bill 169, and Order No. 90546, The Potomac Edison Company, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, Delmarva Power & Light Company, Potomac Electric Power Company, Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative, Inc., and Washington Gas Light Company (collectively, the EmPOWER Utilities) and the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) will file their energy efficiency, conservation, and demand response plans for the 2024-2026 program cycle by August 1, 2023, for the Commission’s review. On October 31, 2023, the Commission will conduct a hearing on the fifth semi-annual reports for the 2021-2023 program cycle, and the Commission is currently planning to conduct a hearing on the 2024-2026 plans from October 31 through November 3.¹ Accordingly, the Commission concludes that it will be more efficient and effective to open a new proceeding for the 2024-2026 EmPOWER Maryland programs, and a new docket, Case No. 9705, is hereby initiated for the review of the 2024-2026 plans.

¹ Notices regarding the hearings will be issued at a later date.

The Commission will continue to use the service list from Case No. 9468 for Case No. 9705. Parties in the prior EmPOWER Maryland docket are requested to review the service list and provide any updates needed to the new docket's (Case No. 9705) service list. The Commission directs all parties to file any reports or pleadings related to the 2021-2023 program cycle under Case No. 9648 and any plans, reports, or pleadings related to the 2024-2026 program cycle under Case No. 9705.

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

- (1) that a new docket, Case No. 9705, is hereby initiated as set forth in this Order;
- (2) that the parties are directed to submit any changes or updates to the service list for Case No. 9705;
- (3) that the parties are directed to continue filing all EmPOWER Maryland pleadings for the 2021-2023 program cycle in Case No. 9648; and
- (4) that the parties are directed to file all EmPOWER Maryland pleadings for the 2024-2026 program cycle in the new docket, Case No. 9705.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ Andrew S. Johnston

Andrew S. Johnston
Executive Secretary

cc: Case No. 9648