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## **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFORMING MARYLAND'S ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS TO ENSURE THAT ELECTRIC SERVICE IS CUSTOMER-CENTERED, AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE IN MARYLAND \* BEFORE THE
\* PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
\* OF MARYLAND
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\* PC44

Issue Date: August 24, 2017

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC CONFERENCE HEARING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

On August 23, 2017, the Rate Design Workgroup co-leaders in PC44 filed a workgroup report and request that the Maryland Public Service Commission ("Commission") seek comments and hold a hearing as part of PC44 for the Commission to review the report and provide direction in establishing rate design pilot programs ("Report").<sup>1</sup> The Workgroup indicated that they were unable to reach a consensus position on the design of the pilot programs requested by the Commission. However, the Workgroup did offer the Report as a non-consensus document representing its best attempt to incorporate the disparate requests into coherent pilot programs.

Accordingly, the Commission hereby provides notice that it will hold a public conference hearing on Friday, September 22, 2017 for the purpose of considering the Rate Design Workgroup Report. The hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission's 16<sup>th</sup> Floor Hearing Room, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. In addition, the Commission requests that written comments be filed on the Report from interested persons by Thursday, September 14, 2017. An original and 17 two-sided paper copies, and one electronic copy, of the comments pursuant to this Notice identified as "PC44 Comments," shall be submitted to: David J. Collins, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A copy of the Report can be viewed or downloaded from the electronic docket (PC44) available on the Commission's website at www.psc.state.md.us.

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Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. Five of the paper copies shall be three-hole punched. The electronic copy may be filed via the "e-file" system that is available at the Commission's website, <u>www.psc.state.md.us</u>.

By Direction of the Commission

/s/ David J. Collins

David J. Collins Executive Secretary