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# Maryland PSC to Hold Two Public Hearings for Pepco Rate Case Settlement

(BALTIMORE, MD-May 2, 2018) – The Maryland Public Service Commission will hold two public hearings this month on a settlement agreement that would result in the Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco) lowering its electric distribution rates by \$15 million. Pepco serves approximately 566,000 customers in Montgomery and Prince George's counties.

After filing an application in early January 2018 for a \$41.4 million rate <u>increase</u>, Pepco subsequently modified its request after considering the impacts of the federal corporate income tax reform enacted in late 2017. On April 12, 2018, Pepco notified the Commission that a settlement had been reached in the case among the utility, the Commission's Technical Staff, the Office of People's Counsel, Montgomery County, the City of Gaithersburg and others. As a result of federal income tax reform and the settlement agreement, the company now requests a rate <u>decrease</u> of \$15 million. Under the terms of the proposed settlement, the one-time \$9.7 million bill credit to return tax savings from the beginning of this year will be approximately \$10.09 per residential customer.

Members of the public who wish to comment on the matter may attend one or both of the public hearings, scheduled as follows:

## Monday, May 14, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Prince George's Community College Largo Student Center, Rennie Forum 301 Largo Road, Largo, Maryland

## Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Montgomery County Executive Office Building, First Floor Auditorium 101 Monroe Street, Rockville, Maryland

Filings in the case can be viewed or downloaded in the electronic docket for Case No. <u>9472</u> on the Commission's website, <u>www.psc.state.md.us</u>.

Written comments referencing Case No. <u>9472</u> may also be mailed (**by Thursday, May 24, 2018**) to:

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