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Maryland PSC to Hold Public Hearing for Choptank Electric Cooperative Rate Request

(BALTIMORE, MD-December 22, 2017) – The Maryland Public Service Commission will hold a public hearing on a request by Choptank Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Choptank") to raise its electric distribution rates by $8.3 million--an increase of 6.6 percent. Choptank is a member-owned, electric distribution co-op serving approximately 53,000 residential, commercial, and industrial members in all nine counties on Maryland's Eastern Shore. The hearing will be held on **Thursday, January 4, 2018,** at **7pm** at **Choptank's Denton District Office, 24820 Meeting House Road (Routes 404 and 328) in Denton (Caroline County), Maryland.**

Members of the public who wish to comment on the matter are encouraged to attend the hearing before Public Utility Law Judge Ryan C. McLean.

As described in its application, Choptank requires an increase in its rates in order to recover the costs of providing service to its members. The proposed increase to Choptank's rates and charges will result in an increase on the bill of the average residential customer (using 1,000 kwh/month) of approximately $9.10 per month.

The application and associated filings in the case are available in the electronic docket for Case No. 9459, which may be viewed or downloaded at www.psc.state.md.us.

Written comments referencing Case No. 9459 may also be sent (**by Monday, January 8, 2018)** to:

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