

ORDER NO. 92250

The Potomac Electric Power Company's
Application for Adjustments to its Retail Rates
for the Distribution of Electric Energy

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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF MARYLAND

CASE NO. 9820

Issue Date: March 23, 2026

**ORDER ON OFFICE OF PEOPLE'S COUNSEL'S
REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION TO PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

On March 2, 2026, the Commission issued a Notice of Public Comment Hearings to be held virtually on April 14 and April 17 in the above-mentioned matter.¹

On March 18, 2026, the Maryland Office of People's Counsel ("OPC") filed a request to modify the procedural schedule to include in-person public comment hearings and to adjust the timing of the previously scheduled virtual hearings to accommodate commuting schedules and ensure all affected Potomac Electric Power Company's ("Pepco") customers have an opportunity to comment on the proposed rate increase.²

The Commission has reviewed OPC's request and notes that it was filed more than two weeks after the procedural schedule was issued. At this stage, modifying the schedule would present practical challenges, including ensuring compliance with applicable notice and publication requirements. Accordingly, the Commission finds that the currently scheduled virtual public comment hearings shall proceed as noticed.

¹ Maillog No. 327540.

² Maillog No. 328016.

The Commission further finds that virtual hearings generally (1) result in greater public participation, (2) offer increased convenience for participants, including single parents and those with scheduling constraints, (3) reduce environmental impacts, and (4) conserve ratepayer resources. However, the Commission will grant OPC's request, in part, by directing that an in-person public comment hearing be held following the conclusion of the evidentiary hearings in this matter.

IT IS, THEREFORE, this 23rd day of March, in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Six, by the Public Service Commission of Maryland, **ORDERED:**

(1) that the request of the Maryland Office of People's Counsel to modify the existing schedule is denied, in part, to the extent it seeks to alter or replace the currently scheduled virtual public comment hearings;

(2) that the request is granted, in part, insofar as the Commission will convene an in-person public comment hearing following the evidentiary hearings in this proceeding;
and

(3) that Pepco shall coordinate with the Commission's Executive Secretary's Office to identify an appropriate date, time, and location for an in-person hearing, and shall comply with all applicable notice and publication requirements.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ Andrew S. Johnston

Andrew S. Johnston
Executive Secretary