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## **Maryland PSC to Hold Public Hearing for Town of Thurmont Rate Request**

(BALTIMORE, MD-November 21, 2017) – The Maryland Public Service Commission will hold a public hearing on a request by the Town of Thurmont, Maryland, to increase its electric distribution rates by \$168,150-- an increase of 2.67 percent. Thurmont owns and operates electric distribution facilities to provide electric service to its customers, which are all residents of the Town. The hearing will be held on **Wednesday, December 6, 2017, at 7pm** at the **Thurmont City Hall, 615 East Main Street in Thurmont (Frederick County), Maryland.**

Members of the public who wish to comment on the matter are encouraged to attend the hearing before Chief Public Utility Law Judge Terry J. Romine.

As described in its application, the Town maintains it needs the increased distribution rates to fund continued electric system improvements and assure that its fiscal year budgets are balanced. This increase is to be implemented concurrently with an expected reduction in total power supply cost collection in 2018. The resulting impact to Thurmont's electric customers would be a net reduction of approximately 3.3 percent.

The application and associated filings in the case are available in the electronic docket for Case No. [9458](#), which may be viewed or downloaded at [www.psc.state.md.us](http://www.psc.state.md.us).

Written comments referencing Case No. [9458](#) may also be sent (**by Friday, December 8, 2017**) to:

David J. Collins, Executive Secretary  
Maryland Public Service Commission  
William Donald Schaefer Tower  
6 St. Paul Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202

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