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Limited Income Mechanisms for Utility
Customers

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ORDER ON DATA AND PROPOSALS **RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS**

During the 2026 Legislative Session, the Maryland General Assembly passed the “Utility RELIEF (Reducing Energy Load Inflation for Everyday Families) Act.”¹ Among other things, the Utility RELIEF Act allocated \$38 million from the Strategic Energy Investment Fund to offset residential electric customer costs associated with Limited Income Mechanisms (“LIM”) for Utility Customers under *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Public Utilities Article (“PUA”) § 4-309, for fiscal year 2027.

In order to implement the above-referenced requirements of the Utility RELIEF Act, the Commission directs electric utility companies developing a LIM to report:

- the total number of residential customer accounts they served in state fiscal year 2026, with total electricity usage;
- the number of residential customers who received Electric Universal Service Program (“EUSP”) benefits or Maryland Energy Assistance Program (“MEAP”) benefits in state fiscal year 2026 with total electricity usage for these customers, as well as the number of residential customers who did not receive EUSP or MEAP assistance in that period and their total electricity usage;

¹ Chapter 353 of the Laws of Maryland of 2026, available at https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2026RS/chapters_noln/Ch_353_hb1532E.pdf.

- total arrears for customers enrolled in EUSP and MEAP for the state fiscal year 2026; and
- any other information the electric utility companies believe is useful for determining proper allocation of the funds.

Additionally, the electric utility companies are directed to file a proposed plan for how the funds should be allocated and used to offset residential electric customer costs. The electric utility companies are also directed to file a proposed plan for reporting and verification. This information is to be filed by August 7, 2026. Interested parties may submit comments by August 21, 2026.

Upon review of the utility companies' responses and proposals, as well as comments, the Commission will issue guidance regarding the distribution of funds to the electric utilities and the manner in which the electric utilities will allocate the funds to their residential customers. The Commission will also establish reporting requirements to verify how the funds were applied.

By August 7, 2026, each electric utility shall also provide to the Commission's Fiscal Department a completed IRS Form W-9 (Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification). A blank Form W-9 is attached as an appendix to this Order.

All filings in response to this Order must be e-Filed using the Commission's e-File system,² include "PC 59" in the subject line, and be addressed to Andrew S. Johnston, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ Andrew S. Johnston

Andrew S. Johnston
Executive Secretary

² Details of the e-file system can be found on the Commission's website at <https://psc.maryland.gov/>.