

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
1325 G STREET N.W., SUITE 800
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005**

PUBLIC NOTICE

May 24, 2017

**FORMAL CASE NO. 1144, IN THE MATTER OF THE POTOMAC ELECTRIC
POWER COMPANY'S NOTICE TO CONSTRUCT TWO 230kV
UNDERGROUND CIRCUITS FROM THE TAKOMA SUBSTATION TO THE
REBUILT HARVARD SUBSTATION AND FROM THE REBUILT HARVARD
SUBSTATION TO THE REBUILT CHAMPLAIN SUBSTATION (CAPITAL
GRID PROJECT)**

1. The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (“Commission”) gives notice that it is *sua sponte* opening an investigation into the reasonableness, safety and need for the underground transmission lines and substations work proposed in the Potomac Electric Power Company’s (“Pepco” or “Company”) Notice of Construction (“NOC”) for its Capital Grid Project. The Commission opens this investigation given that the activities described in the NOC will likely affect many stakeholders and because Pepco has provided, with its NOC, the information the Commission requires when initiating an investigation pursuant to Chapter 21 of Title 15 of the D.C. Municipal Regulations.

2. On May 10, 2017, Pepco filed the first of two NOCs with the Commission seeking approval for its Capital Grid Project.¹ Specifically, under this NOC, Pepco proposes to construct two 230kV underground transmission lines from the Takoma Substation to the rebuilt Harvard Substation and from the rebuilt Harvard Substation to the rebuilt Champlain Substation and to upgrade aging infrastructure. Pepco also proposes to engage in demolition, site preparation, and substation construction for the rebuilt Harvard and Champlain Substations.²

3. Pepco served a copy of the NOC on the affected Advisory Neighborhood Commissions and the Office of the People’s Counsel on the same date it filed its NOC

¹ *Formal Case No. 1144, In the Matter of the Potomac Electric Power Company’s Notice to Construct Two 230 kV Underground Circuits from the Takoma Substation to the Rebuilt Harvard Substation and From the Rebuilt Harvard Substation to the Rebuilt Champlain Substation (Capital Grid Project)* (“Formal Case No. 1144”) (“Pepco’s NOC”). Pursuant to 15 DCMR § 2111.1 (2004), “An electric corporation which plans to construct inside the District of Columbia an underground transmission line in excess of sixty-nine thousand (69,000) volts, or substation connected to such line, shall file formal notice with the Commission six (6) months prior to the construction.”

² NOC at 2.

with the Commission.³ The Commission invites interested persons to provide comments and reply comments on the reasonableness, safety and need for the underground transmission lines and the rebuilding of the Harvard and Champlain Substations proposed in Pepco's NOC no later than 90 days and 120 days, respectively after the publication of this Public Notice in the *D.C. Register*.⁴ Comments may be filed with Brinda Westbrook-Sedgwick, Commission Secretary, Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia, 1325 G Street, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20005.

4. Copies of the NOC may be obtained by visiting the Commission's website at www.dcpsc.org. Once at the website, open the "eDocket" tab, click on "Search database" and input "FC 1144" as the case number and "1" as the item number. Copies of the Application may also be purchased, at cost, by contacting the Commission Secretary at (202) 626-5150 or PSC-CommissionSecretary@dc.gov. Persons with questions concerning this Notice should call 202-626-5150.

³ Pursuant to 15 DCMR § 2111.3, "All information required in § 2111.1 shall be served on the affected Advisory Neighborhood Commission(s) and the Office of the People's Counsel on the same date it is filed with the Commission."

⁴ 15 DCMR § 2112.1 provides "the Commission may, in its discretion, waive or modify any provision of this Chapter and may also impose additional requirements, as circumstances warrant."