## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## FORMAL CASE NO. 1168, IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL OF BIENNIAL UNDERGROUND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS PLANS AND FINANCING ORDERS,

The Electric Company Infrastructure Improvement Financing Amendment Act of 2017 (Act), which amended the Electric Company Infrastructure Improvement Financing Act of 2014, became effective on July 11, 2017. The Act authorizes the collection and use by the District of Columbia (District) and the Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco) of certain charges to finance the undergrounding of certain electric power lines and ancillary facilities in the District. The Act governs Pepco's and the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) public-private partnership to bury overhead primary power lines to improve electric service reliability and reduce the impact of storm-related outages in the District. This project is commonly known as the District of Columbia Power Line Undergrounding (DC PLUG) initiative.

On September 30, 2021, DDOT and Pepco filed their joint application for approval of the third Biennial Underground Infrastructure Improvement Projects Plan and the third application for a financing order, which included a request for approval of the Underground Project Charge (UPC). On January 27, 2022, the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (Commission) issued an order that approved, among other things, the UPC. The Commission approved Pepco's previous UPC true-up filing in Order No. 21621, issued on May 17, 2023.

The Commission hereby gives notice that on April 22, 2024, Pepco filed an Errata to the application for the true-up of the Underground Project Charge with an effective date of May 1, 2024. The Errata corrects a transposition error related to the forecasted Electric Plant In-Service for Feeder 368.

## Underground Project Charge True-Up

The UPC is designed to recover costs incurred by Pepco to place underground the selected feeders and other authorized costs and charges. Pursuant to the Undergrounding Act, the UPC is applicable to Pepco's District of Columbia customers who take electric distribution service, except for customers served under Pepco's Residential Aid Discount Rider. In accordance with D.C. Code §34-1313.15(a), Pepco must file to adjust the UPC no later than April 1 of each year to update forecasted expenditures for the calendar year in which the update is filed and true-up costs and collections for the prior calendar year.

Pepco filed its annual adjustment on April 2, 2024, and filed an Errata to the annual adjustment on April 22, 2024. After adjustment, the Underground Project Charges represent a

On April 2, 2024, Pepco filed for approval of the true-up of the Underground Project Charge. Due to an administrative transmittal error on April 1, 2024, the application could not be filed and docketed on that date. As a result, the filing and docketing actually occurred on April 2, 2024. However, the rates were effective as of April 1, 2024.

total increase of approximately two cents  $(2\phi)$  per month for a typical residential customer who uses 614 kWh per month.

The adjusted UPC for each Rate Schedule are as follows:

Rate Schedule	Underground Project Charge (\$/kWh		
Residential Service	\$0.00015		
Residential Service - Plug - In Vehicle Charging - R-PIV	\$0.00015		
Master Metered Apartment Service	\$0.00032		
General Service – Non-Demand	\$0.00036		
Temporary Service	\$0.00072		
General Service – Low Voltage	\$0.00061		
General Service - Primary Service	\$0.00037		
Time Metered Medium General Service - Low Voltage	\$0.00046		
Time Metered General Service – Low Voltage	\$0.00042		
Time Metered General Service – Primary Service	\$0.00026		
Time Metered General Service – High Voltage	\$0.00002		
Rapid Transit Service	\$0.00022		
Street Lighting / Traffic Signal / LED Outdoor Lighting Service	\$0.00015		
Telecommunications Network Service	\$0.00004		

If granted in full, the average monthly effects of the proposed rates will be:

Underground Project Charge

Charge Charge							
		Monthly Bill Change (Distribution Only)*			Monthly Increase for Standard Offer Service Customers (Total Bill)*		
	Average	Percent		Dollar	Percent		Dollar
Rate Schedule**	Monthly Usage	<b>Change</b>	<b>Amount</b>		Change Amount		Amount
Residential Service	614	0.07%	\$	0.02	0.02%	\$	0.02
Master Metered Apartment Service	405	0.10%	\$	0.03	0.04%	\$	0.03
General Service - Non-Demand	1,032	0.10%	\$	0.10	0.05%	\$	0.10
Temporary Service	4,476	0.12%	\$	0.49	0.06%	\$	0.49
General Service - Low Voltage	9,205	0.21%	\$	1.66	0.08%	\$	1.66
General Service - Primary Service	13,641	0.29%	\$	2.46	0.07%	\$	2.46
Time Metered Medium General Service - Low Voltage	66,402	0.19%	\$	9.96	0.06%	\$	9.96
Time Metered General Service - Low Voltage	395,566	0.11%	\$	31.65	0.04%	\$	31.65
Time Metered General Service - Primary Service	1,158,018	0.19%	\$	92.64	0.04%	\$	92.64
Time Metered General Service - High Voltage	15,162,347	0.00%	\$	-	0.00%	\$	-
Rapid Transit Service	212,467	0.12%	\$	12.75	0.03%	\$	12.75
Street Lighting Service	238,440	0.22%	\$	11.92	0.04%	\$	11.92
Traffic Signal Service	290,611	0.12%	\$	14.53	0.04%	\$	14.53
Telecommunications Network Service	418	0.00%	\$	-	0.00%	\$	-

<sup>\*</sup> The effect of the proposed rates on any particular customer is dependent upon the actual usage of the customer.

Changes shown are for customers with average monthly usage based on 2022 weather normalized kwh and 2022 actual customer counts.

Pursuant to D.C. Code §34-1313.15(e), the adjustment to the UPC took effect, subject to refund and adjustment, on April 1, 2024. Due to a transposition error in the April 2 filing, Pepco filed an Errata on April 22, 2024, resulting in an updated rate that will be effective May 1, 2024. Any adjustment resulting from rates in effect on April 1, 2024, will be made in the next annual Underground Project Charge True-Up filing.

In accordance with D.C. Code § 34-1313.15(d)), within 10 days of the publication of this Public Notice in the DC Register (published May 3, 2024), any interested party may file a protest on or before May 13, 2024, limited to the proposed adjusted UPC and materials submitted in support thereof, and whether the proposed adjustment is consistent with the underlying order authorizing the imposition and collection of the UPC, as most recently approved by the Commission. Protests may not challenge the scope and composition of the Electric Company Infrastructure Improvement Activity unless, and only to the extent that, changes in the scope and composition of the Electric Company Infrastructure Improvement Activity are proposed in the application to adjust the Underground Project Charges submitted.

All written comments should be sent to Ms. Brinda Westbrook-Sedgwick, Commission Secretary, Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia, 1325 G Street, NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20005, or electronically at the Commission's website at <a href="https://edocket.dcpsc.org/public/public comments">https://edocket.dcpsc.org/public/public comments</a>.

The UPC true-up filing is available for viewing on the Commission's website (<a href="www.dcpsc.org">www.dcpsc.org</a>). Once at the website, open the "eDocket" tab, click on the "Searchable Database," and input "FC1168" as the case number.

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