

**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 D.C. 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 hereby gives notice that on April 1, 2022, Pepco filed for approval of the true-up of the Underground Project Charge.

**Underground Project Charge**

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 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.<sup>1</sup>

Pepco filed its annual adjustment on April 1, 2022. After adjustment, the Underground Project Charges represent a total decrease of approximately one cent (1¢) per month for a typical residential customer who uses 692 kWh per month.

The adjusted UPC for each Rate Schedule is as follows:

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to D.C. Code § 34-1313.15(e), the proposed rates went into effect April 1, 2022, subject to refund and adjustment.

Rate Schedule	Underground Project Charge (\$/kWh)
Residential Service	\$0.00005
Residential Service - Plug - In Vehicle Charging – R-PIV	\$0.00005
Master Metered Apartment Service	\$0.00013
General Service – Non-Demand	\$0.00011
Temporary Service	\$0.00022
General Service – Low Voltage	\$0.00021
General Service - Primary Service	\$0.00001
Time Metered Medium General Service – Low Voltage	\$0.00012
Time Metered General Service – Low Voltage	\$0.00026
Time Metered General Service – Primary Service	\$0.00008
Time Metered General Service – High Voltage	\$0.00001
Rapid Transit Service	\$0.00007
Street Lighting / Traffic Signal / LED Outdoor Lighting Service	\$0.00004
Telecommunications Network Service	\$0.00003

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

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<u>Rate Schedule**</u>	<u>Average Monthly Usage</u>	<u>Monthly Bill Change (Distribution Only)*</u>		<u>Monthly Increase for Standard Offer Service Customers (Total Bill)*</u>	
		<u>Percent Change</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>
Residential Service	692	-0.02%	\$ (0.01)	-0.01%	\$ (0.01)
Master Metered Apartment Service	463	-0.05%	\$ (0.01)	-0.02%	\$ (0.01)
General Service – Non-Demand	1,104	-0.08%	\$ (0.08)	-0.04%	\$ (0.08)
Temporary Service	7,176	-0.16%	\$ (1.00)	-0.09%	\$ (1.00)
General Service – Low Voltage	10,260	-0.08%	\$ (0.72)	-0.05%	\$ (0.72)
General Service - Primary Service	17,850	-0.23%	\$ (2.50)	-0.09%	\$ (2.50)
Time Metered Medium General Service – Low Voltage	76,689	-0.15%	\$ (8.44)	-0.07%	\$ (8.44)
Time Metered General Service – Low Voltage	569,310	0.06%	\$ 22.77	0.03%	\$ 22.77
Time Metered General Service – Primary Service	1,256,904	-0.09%	\$ (50.28)	-0.04%	\$ (50.28)
Time Metered General Service – High Voltage	15,954,659	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -
Rapid Transit Service	287,006	-0.08%	\$ (8.61)	-0.02%	\$ (8.61)
Street Lighting Service	236,044	-0.14%	\$ (7.08)	-0.04%	\$ (7.08)
Traffic Signal Service	290,611	-0.08%	\$ (8.72)	-0.03%	\$ (8.72)
Telecommunications Network Service	416	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -

\* 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 per Formal Case No. 1156.

\*\* Schedules OL LED and R-PIV are not modeled separately as average usage per Formal Case No. 1156 is not available.

Pursuant to D.C. Code §34-1313.15(e), the adjustment to the UPC took effect, subject to refund and adjustment, April 1, 2022.

In accordance with D.C. Code § 34-1313.15(d)), within 10 days of the publication of this Public Notice, which was published in the D.C. Register on April 15, 2022, any interested party may file a protest 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 Underground Project Charge, 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 UPC submitted.

All written protests must be filed on or before April 25, 2022, by sending it 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 [https://edocket.dcpssc.org/public/public\\_comments](https://edocket.dcpssc.org/public/public_comments).

The UPC adjustment filing is available for viewing on the Commission's website ([www.dcpssc.org](http://www.dcpssc.org)). Once at the website, open the "eDocket" tab, click on the "Searchable Database" and input "FC1168" as the case number.