

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
1325 G STREET, NW, SUITE 800
WASHINGTON, DC 20005**

AMENDED NOTICE OF COMMUNITY HEARINGS

**PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT ON BIENNIAL DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA POWER
LINE UNDERGROUND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
PLAN**

(THE “BIENNIAL DC PLUG PLAN”)

**FORMAL CASE NO. 1145, IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATIONS FOR
APPROVAL OF BIENNIAL UNDERGROUND INFRASTRUCTURE
IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS PLAN**

This Notice amends the original notice posted on the Commission’s website on June 22, 2017 by adding a fourth community hearing on July 25, 2017. The Notice, as amended, now reads as follows:

This Notice informs the public that the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (“Commission”) seeks input on the Potomac Electric Power Company (“Pepco”) and the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (“DDOT”) joint Application to be filed at the Commission on or before July 3, 2017, which is anticipated to request the Commission for: (1) authority to implement a project to underground certain electric distribution feeders in the District of Columbia; (2) approval of the Electric Company Infrastructure Improvement Costs (“Underground Project Charge” or “UPC”) to be imposed and collected by Pepco from its electric distribution service customers to recover the costs incurred for the undergrounding projects; (3) approval of the assessment of the DDOT Underground Electric Company Infrastructure Improvement Charge on Pepco; and (4) approval of the Underground Rider to be imposed and collected by Pepco from its electric distribution service customers to recover the DDOT Underground Electric Company Infrastructure Improvement Charge. By way of background:

- On May 17, 2017, the Mayor of the District of Columbia signed into law the Electric Company Infrastructure Improvement Financing Emergency Amendment Act of 2017 (D.C. Act 22-56) (“ECIIFEAA”), which amends the Electric Company Infrastructure Improvement Financing Act of 2014 (“ECIIFA”) and authorizes the collection and use by the District of Columbia and the electric company, Pepco, of certain charges to finance the undergrounding of certain electric power lines and ancillary facilities. This amendment governs Pepco’s and DDOT’s 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 of Columbia.

- The new legislation changes a portion of the funding structure for the District of Columbia Power Line Undergrounding (“DC PLUG”) project from bonds issued by the District and securitized by ratepayers as authorized under the original 2014 Act, to a pay-as-you-go structure with the cost imposed on Pepco and recovered by Pepco through a tariff rider authorized under the new amended Act.
- Section 307(a) of the ECIIFEAA requires Pepco and DDOT to jointly file every two (2) years an application for the Commission’s approval of a biennial Underground Infrastructure Improvement Projects Plan (“Biennial Undergrounding Plan”) consisting of DDOT’s Underground Electric Company Infrastructure Improvement Activity and Pepco’s planned Infrastructure Activity to be undertaken in a two-year period. The amended Act also authorizes an annually adjusted surcharge to recover costs associated with the Underground Project Charge approved by the Commission. Section 309(d) of the ECIIFEAA requires the Commission to expedite its consideration of an application to approve the Biennial Underground Plans.
- Pursuant to the ECIIFEAA, the Underground Project Charge is an annually adjusted surcharge to be paid by all Pepco distribution customers (except for customers served under Pepco’s residential aid discount (“RAD”) or a succeeding discount program) for recovery of the Electric Company Infrastructure Improvement Costs, together with Pepco’s rate of return as approved by the Commission.

The Commission opened *Formal Case No. 1145* by Order No. 18801, issued on June 15, 2017, to consider applications for approval of the Biennial Undergrounding Plans. That Order also set an expedited discovery schedule as required by the amended Act. Pursuant to the discovery schedule, the Joint Application will not be filed until on or before July 3, 2017; however, due to the expedited nature of this proceeding, the Commission is providing the requisite notice, including the dates, times, and locations of the community hearings before the filing of the Joint Application.

TAKE NOTICE THAT: the Commission will convene four (4) community hearings at the following locations on the specified dates to receive comments from residents in the affected communities:

Friday, July 21, 2017 – 2:30 P.M.
 Community of Hope
 4 Atlantic Street, SW
 Washington, D.C. 20032

Monday, July 24, 2017 – 6:30 P.M.
 Trinity University College
 O’Connor Auditorium
 125 Michigan Avenue, NE
 Washington, D.C. 20017

Tuesday, July 25 - 11:30 A.M.
St. John's United Baptist Church
6343 13th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20011

Tuesday, July 25, 2017 – 6:30 P.M.
Temple Sinai
3100 Military Road, NW
Washington, D.C. 20015

Those who wish to testify at the community hearings should contact the Commission Secretary by the close of business three (3) business days prior to the date of the hearing by calling (202) 626-5150. Representatives of organizations shall be permitted a maximum of five (5) minutes for oral presentations. Individuals shall be permitted a maximum of three (3) minutes for oral presentations. If an organization or an individual is unable to offer comments at the community hearings, written statements may be submitted to the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia, 1325 G Street, NW, Suite 800, Washington D.C. 20005.

Any person who is deaf or hearing-impaired, and cannot readily understand or communicate in spoken English, and persons with disabilities who need special accommodations in order to participate in the hearing, must contact the Commission Secretary by close of seven (7) business days prior to the date of the hearing. Persons who wish to testify in Spanish, Chinese, Amharic, or Korean must also contact the Commission Secretary by close of business three (3) business days before the day of the hearing. **The number to call to request special accommodations and interpretation services is (202) 626-5150.**