

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

NOTICE OF LEGISLATIVE-STYLE (INFORMATIONAL) HEARING

February 14, 2020

**FORMAL CASE NO. 1159, IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATIONS FOR
APPROVAL OF BIENNIAL UNDERGROUND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT
PROJECTS PLANS AND FINANCING ORDERS,**

By this Notice, the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (“Commission”) announces a legislative-style (informational) hearing to be held on Monday, March 23, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. regarding the Potomac Electric Power Company’s (“Pepco”) and the District of Columbia Department of Transportation’s (“DDOT”) implementation of the First Biennial Plan in the D.C. Power Line Undergrounding (“DC PLUG”) project approved by the Commission on November 9, 2017.¹

In approving Pepco’s and DDOT’s Second Biennial Plan on January 24, 2020,² the Commission expressed concern about the slow progress on the First Biennial Plan, noting that more than two years after that plan was approved, no feeder project had been completed and civil design work had not yet begun on the remaining four feeders.³ Consequently, the Commission ordered that the Joint Applicants appear at a legislative-style hearing before the end of March 2020 to present a detailed status report on the six feeders of the First Biennial Plan. The Joint Applicants were also directed to discuss the reasons for the significant delay in the project execution and their strategies to overcome challenges with the remaining four feeders, as well as their plans to expedite the design and construction for the remaining feeders in the First Biennial Plan.

Thus, the Commission will convene a legislative-style, informational, public hearing on **March 23, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 1325 G Street, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20005**, for the purpose of receiving information from Pepco and DDOT regarding this matter.

Although the public is invited to attend, this is a legislative-style, informational, hearing and not an evidentiary hearing, and, as such, and consistent with prior legislative-style (informational) hearings before the Commission, no other persons will be permitted to present statements, submit any testimony or other information, or question Pepco at the hearing. However,

¹ See generally Electric Company Infrastructure Improvement Financing Emergency Amendment Act of 2017 D.C. Code § 34-1311.01, *et. seq.* (“the Undergrounding Act”). See also, *Formal Case No. 1145*, Order No. 19167, issued November 9, 2017.

² See *Formal Case No. 1159*, Order No. 20285, issued January 24, 2020.

³ We note that Pepco’s updated Gantt Chart, dated January 23, 2020, indicates that the design work has begun on the remaining four feeders.

the Office of the People's Counsel for the District of Columbia will be permitted to make a statement if it so desires.

For additional information please contact Ms. Brinda Westbrook-Sedgwick, Commission Secretary, Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia, 1325 G Street, NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20005, or by email at Psc-commissionsecretary@dc.gov.

Please take note that the **HEARING WILL BE STREAMED LIVE**.