

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

PUBLIC NOTICE OF VIRTUAL COMMUNITY HEARING

FORMAL CASE NO. 1156, IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF POTOMAC ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT A MULTIYEAR RATE PLAN FOR ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SERVICE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:

and

FORMAL CASE NO. 1165, IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF RELIEF FOR THE 202 AREA CODE,

1. Through this Public Notice, the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (“Commission”) schedules a virtual community hearing to discuss both the Application of Potomac Electric Power Company’s (“Pepco”) Authority to Implement a Multiyear Rate Plan for Electric Distribution Service in the District of Columbia (“Pepco Application”)¹ in *Formal Case No. 1156* and the Petition of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (“NANPA”) on Behalf of the District of Columbia Telecommunications Industry (“NANPA Petition”) for relief for the 202 numbering plan area (“NPA” or “area code”) in *Formal Case No. 1165*.² The virtual community hearing for *Formal Case Nos. 1156* and *1165* is scheduled for September 1, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

2. On May 30, 2019, Pepco filed its Application requesting authority to increase rates and charges for electric service through the implementation of a Multiyear Rate Plan for its electric distribution service in the District of Columbia for the years 2020 through 2022. Pursuant to D.C. Code § 34-1504 (d) the Commission can adopt an alternative form of regulation if the Commission finds that the alternative form of regulation: (A) protects consumers; (B) ensures the quality, availability, and reliability of regulated electric services; and (C) is in the interest of the public, including shareholders of the electric company.³ By Order No. 20273,⁴ as amended by Order Nos.

¹ *Formal Case No. 1156, In the Matter of the Application of Potomac Electric Power Company for Authority to Implement a Multiyear Rate Plan for Electric Distribution Service in the District of Columbia*, filed May 30, 2019.

² *Formal Case No. 1165, In the Matter of the Petition for Implementation of Relief for the 202 Area Code*, Petition of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator on Behalf of the District of Columbia Telecommunications Industry, filed June 16, 2020 (“NANPA Petition”).

³ D.C. Code § 34-1504 (d) (2001).

⁴ *Formal Case No. 1156, In the Matter of the Application of Potomac Electric Power Company for Authority to Implement a Multiyear Rate Plan for Electric Distribution Service in the District of Columbia* (“*Formal Case No. 156*”), Order No. 20273, rel. December 20, 2019.

20293,⁵ 20349,⁶ and 20375,⁷ the Commission set forth the procedural schedule in this matter. The rate case hearings will be conducted virtually on September 10, 11, and 14-16, 2020.

3. In the Petition, NANPA, on behalf of the District of Columbia telecommunications industry, requests the Commission to approve a new area code with an all-services overlay throughout the entire District of Columbia as relief for number exhaust in the 202 NPA. Absent this relief, NANPA represents that the supply of telephone numbers in the 202 area code is projected to run out during the Third Quarter of 2022. In order to ensure that the District of Columbia has enough telephone numbers for customers, NANPA requests that the Commission approve the Petition no later than the Fourth Quarter of 2020 and approve a 13-month implementation schedule for the new area code. NANPA asserts that by adhering to this schedule, the new NPA will be implemented six months prior to the exhaust of the 202 area code as required by industry guidelines.⁸ NANPA asserts that a new area code with an all-services overlay is the only form of relief that will meet industry guidelines in the District of Columbia.⁹

4. NANPA explains that the proposed all-services overlay for the 202 area code would superimpose a new area code over the entire geographic area of the 202 area code. NANPA represents that all existing customers with a 202 area code would retain the 202 area code and would not have to change telephone numbers. All calls within the 202 area code and between the new area code and the 202 area code would be dialed using (ten) 10 digits.¹⁰ NANPA proposes a 13-month implementation schedule for implementation of the new area code, divided into (three) 3 stages. The first stage includes (six) 6 months of network preparation. The second stage is (six) 6 months of a customer education period in which customers would be permitted to use both (seven) 7-digit and (ten) 10-digit dialing within the 202 area code (“permissive dialing period”). The third stage is for one month after the end of the permissive dialing period when (ten) 10-digit dialing becomes mandatory in the 202 area code before numbers can be assigned in the new area code.¹¹ The Commission is requested to approve the Petition and the implementation schedule in order to facilitate the transition to having a second area code in the District of Columbia.¹²

5. Those who wish to testify at either or both portions of the virtual community hearing should contact the Commission Secretary by the close of business, five (5) business days

⁵ *Formal Case No. 1156*, Order No. 20293, rel. February 5, 2020.

⁶ *Formal Case No. 1156*, Order No. 20349, rel. May 20, 2020.

⁷ *Formal Case No. 1156*, Order No. 20375, rel. July 8, 2020.

⁸ NANPA Petition at 1.

⁹ NANPA Petition at 2.

¹⁰ NANPA Petition at 3.

¹¹ NANPA Petition at 4.

¹² State public service commissions have the authority to review and approve NPA relief plans. *See*, 47 C.F.R. § 52.19 (2020).

prior to the date of the hearing by sending an email to PSC-CommissionSecretary@dc.gov. 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 virtual community hearing, written statements may be submitted by email to PSC-CommissionSecretary@dc.gov, or through the Commission's eDocket system at https://edocket.dcpsec.org/public/public_comments until September 4, 2020, referencing either the *Formal Case No. 1156* Docket or the *Formal Case No. 1165* Docket. Additional instructions will be provided before the hearing to persons who have provided notice of their intent to participate.

6. Any person who is deaf or hard-of-hearing, who cannot readily understand or communicate in spoken English, or persons with disabilities who need special accommodations in order to participate in the hearing, must contact the Commission Secretary by the close of business, seven (7) days prior to the date of the community hearing. Persons who wish to testify in Spanish, Chinese, Amharic, French, Vietnamese, or Korean must also contact the Commission Secretary by close of business five (5) business days before the date of the hearing. **The number to call to request special accommodations and interpretation services is (202) 626-5150.**

7. Copies of the Pepco Application may be obtained by visiting the Commission's website at www.dcpsec.org. Once at the website, open the "eDocket System" tab, click on "Search Current Dockets" and input "FC 1156" as the case number and "1" as the item number. Copies of any comments filed on the Application may be obtained by opening the "eDocket System" tab, clicking on "Search Current Dockets" and inputting "FC 1156" as the case number.

8. Copies of the NANPA Petition may be obtained by visiting the Commission's website at www.dcpsec.org. Once at the website, open the "eDocket System" tab, click on "Search Current Dockets" and input "FC 1165" as the case number and "1" as the item number. Copies of any comments filed on the Petition may be obtained by opening the "eDocket System" tab, clicking on "Search Current Dockets" and inputting "FC 1165" as the case number.