

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**April 2, 2021**

**FORMAL CASE NO. 1159, 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 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 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 of Columbia. This project is commonly known as the D.C. Power Line Undergrounding (“DC PLUG”) initiative.

On September 30, 2019, DDOT and Pepco filed their joint application for approval of the second biennial Underground Infrastructure Improvement Projects Plan and the second application for a financing order, which included a request for approval of the Underground Rider. On January 24, 2020, the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (“Commission”) issued an order that approved, among other things, the Underground Rider.

The Commission hereby gives notice that on April 1, 2021, Pepco filed for approval of the true-up of the Underground Rider.

**Underground Rider True-Up**

Pursuant to D.C. Code § 34-1313.14(a), Pepco filed for approval of schedule provisions applying the true-up mechanism to the Underground Rider. The Underground Rider, a periodically adjusted rider to Pepco’s volumetric distribution service rates, allows Pepco to recover the costs charged by the District of Columbia to fund work performed by DDOT to place underground the distribution feeders included in the Second Biennial Plan.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to D.C. Code § 34-1313.14(d), the proposed rates went into effect April 1, 2021, subject to refund and adjustment.

In accordance with the Act, the Underground Rider is applicable to all customers who take electric distribution service in the District of Columbia, except customers served under Pepco's Residential Aid Discount Rider. The proposed Underground Rider represents a total increase of approximately three (3) cents per month for a typical residential customer who uses 648 kWh per month. The recovery for any over- or under-collection shall be allocated to each customer class in the proportion to which the customer class contributed to the over- or under-collection.

The charges for the Underground Rider for each Rate Schedule are as follows:

<b>Rate Schedule</b>	<b>Underground Rider (\$/kWh)</b>
Residential Service	\$0.00128
Residential Service - Plug - In Vehicle Charging – R-PIV	\$0.00128
Master Metered Apartment Service	\$0.00112
General Service – Non-Demand	\$0.00471
Temporary Service	\$0.00471
General Service – Low Voltage	\$0.00618
General Service - Primary Service	\$0.00505
Time Metered Medium General Service – Low Voltage	\$0.00480
Time Metered General Service – Low Voltage	\$0.00480
Time Metered General Service – Primary Service	\$0.00278
Time Metered General Service – High Voltage	\$0.00023
Rapid Transit Service	\$0.00189
Street Lighting / Traffic Signal / LED Outdoor Lighting Service	\$0.00168
Telecommunications Network Service	\$0.00060

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

<b>Underground Rider</b>			
<u>Rate Schedule**</u>	<u>Average Monthly Usage</u>	<u>Monthly Bill Change (Distribution Only)*</u>	
		<u>Percent Change</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>
Residential Service	648	0.10%	\$ 0.03
Master Metered Apartment Service	460	0.31%	\$ 0.07
General Service – Non-Demand	1,145	0.86%	\$ 0.73
Temporary Service	6,744	0.88%	\$ 4.32
General Service – Low Voltage	10,427	2.21%	\$ 15.64
General Service - Primary Service	19,803	-0.52%	\$ (6.34)
Time Metered Medium General Service – Low Voltage /			
Time Metered General Service – Low Voltage	111,526	1.81%	\$ 117.10
Time Metered General Service – Primary Service	1,283,856	0.74%	\$ 359.48
Time Metered General Service – High Voltage	14,891,308	0.00%	\$ -
Rapid Transit Service	286,356	0.26%	\$ 25.77
Street Lighting Service	237,477	-0.51%	\$ (26.12)
Traffic Signal Service	291,526	-0.32%	\$ (32.07)
Telecommunications Network Service	421	0.36%	\$ 0.06

\* 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 1150.

\*\* Schedules OL LED and R-PIV are not modeled separately as average usage per Formal Case 1150 is not available.

Further, Schedules GT-LV and MGT-LV are modeled together as separate usage data per Formal Case 1150 is not available.

The Commission’s review of a request for approval of a schedule filed pursuant to D.C. Code § 34-1313.14(a) shall be limited to a determination of whether there is any mathematical error in the application of the true-up mechanism to the Underground Rider (D.C. Code § 34-1313.14(c)). Pursuant to D.C. Code § 34-1313.14(d), the adjustments to the Underground Rider took effect, subject to refund and adjustment, on April 1, 2021, the date filed with the Commission.

By **April 12, 2021**, any interested party may file comments with the Commission with respect to the mathematical accuracy of the electric company’s calculations in the application of the true-up mechanism for the Underground Rider.

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, D.C. 20005, or electronically at the Commission’s website at [https://edocket.dcpsc.org/public/public\\_comments](https://edocket.dcpsc.org/public/public_comments).

The Underground Rider true-up filing is available for viewing on the Commission’s website ([www.dcpsc.org](http://www.dcpsc.org)). Once at the website, open the “eDocket” tab, click on the “Searchable Database” and input “FC1159” as the case number.