IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BALTIMORE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE FIVE FORKS TO WINDY EDGE TRANSMISSION LINE RELIABILITY PROJECT

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF MARYLAND

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CASE NO. 9658

Issued: August 16, 2021

## PUBLIC UTILITY LAW JUDGE'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING

On January 15, 2021, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) filed an application ("Application") for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for authority to construct the Five Forks to Windy Edge Transmission Line Reliability Project (the "Project"). The Project consists of replacing the existing double-circuit, 115-kilovolt (kV) overhead transmission line and its associated lattice structures with a new line mounted on weathering steel poles. This approximately 20-mile-long segment, located in the northeastern section of BGE's Maryland electric distribution service territory, runs from BGE's Five Forks Substation, located in northern Harford County, Maryland, to the vicinity of BGE's Windy Edge Substation, located in northern Baltimore County, Maryland.

A second evening hearing for the purpose of providing information about the Project and receiving comments in connection with the Application is hereby scheduled for **Tuesday**, **September 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., via virtual meeting**.

The hearing will begin with a presentation of the Project by BGE; followed by a presentation by the Department of Natural Resources, Power Plant Research Program (PPRP) of its recommendations with respect to the Project; followed by the Maryland Office of People's

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The application is available for public inspection in a black mailbox labeled BGE CPCN located adjacent to the front door of BGE's White Marsh training facility, located at 11350 Pulaski Highway, White Marsh, Maryland 21162. Please contact Daniel W. Hurson, Assistant General Counsel for BGE, at 410-470-1428 if you have any issues viewing the Application. Additionally, the Application and other pleadings in the matter may be viewed or downloaded from the electronic docket file under Case No. 9658, available through the Commission's website, www.psc.state.md.us.

Counsel (OPC), and the Technical Staff of the Public Service Commission of Maryland ("Staff") as to their recommendations with regard to the Project, if any.

If you would like to speak at the hearing, please send an email to psc.pulj@gmail.com by 12:00 Noon on September 27, 2021. Anyone wishing to observe the public hearing may do so via the Public Utility Law Judge Division's YouTube channel, <a href="https://bit.ly/2X6wLiP">https://bit.ly/2X6wLiP</a>. Please direct any questions about the public hearing to psc.pulj@gmail.com.

Written comments on the Application may be submitted electronically or by first-class mail, on or before **November 15, 2021**. Comments submitted electronically must be submitted through the Commission's Public Comment Dropbox, which can be accessed through the Commission's website at www.psc.state.md.us. Instructions for logging into the Public Comment Dropbox are located under the "Tools" section of the Commission's website under the "Make a Public Comment" tab, which can be accessed via the following link: https://www.psc.state.md.us/make-a-public-comment/. Commenters utilizing the Public Comment Dropbox are required to complete a one-time registration. All comments must include a reference to Case No. 9658. If submitted by first-class mail, comments must be addressed to Andrew S. Johnston, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. Only one copy is required.

The Applicant is hereby directed to:

• Once in each of the four successive weeks immediately before the public hearing date:

Publish notice of the hearing, including the caption, case number, time, and date of the hearing, as a display advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation throughout Baltimore and Harford counties, including in the notice a link to the PULJ Division's YouTube Channel, and the methods by which written comments may be submitted;

Post on at least two routinely used social media platforms, such as Facebook or Twitter, and use any other means of communications at its disposal to further notify Baltimore and Harford County residents and businesses of the date

and time of the hearing, and the link to the PULJ Division's YouTube Channel, and the methods and date by which written public comments may be submitted;<sup>2</sup> and

At least four weeks prior to the date of the hearing until the day after the hearing, post on its home website page a notice of the evening hearing in a manner so that an individual need not click the link to determine the date, time, and purpose of the hearing, the link to the PULJ Division's YouTube Channel, and how written public comments may be filed.

• File a certificate(s) of compliance with the foregoing notice requirements with the Commission on or before the date of the hearing.

/s/ Kristin Case Lawrence
Kristin Case Lawrence
Public Utility Law Judge
Public Service Commission of Maryland

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Any party to the matter is also invited to post the Notice of Public Comment Hearing on any website or social media platform that it may have at its disposal to publicize the time, date, and YouTube channel link for the hearing and the manner in which written comments may be submitted.

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To All Parties of Record and Interested Persons:

Enclosed is a copy of the "Public Utility Law Judge's Notice of Public Comment Hearing" issued today in the above-entitled matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Kathleen Berends

Kathleen Berends Administrator

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