

ORDER NO. 81217

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPETITIVE SELECTION OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER/STANDARD OFFER OF DEFAULT SERVICE FOR INVESTOR-OWNED UTILITY SMALL COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS; AND FOR THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY D/B/A ALLEGHENY POWER'S, DELMARVA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY'S AND POTOMAC ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY'S RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS.	* * * *	BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF MARYLAND _____ CASE NO. 9064 _____
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On November 8, 2006, the Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued Order No. 81102 in this matter, establishing, *inter alia*, a procurement program for Standard Offer Service (“SOS”) for Residential and Type I commercial customers.¹ The program applies to the investor-owned electric public service companies for the provision of SOS beginning as of June 1, 2007. In Order No. 81102, the Commission also stated that bid week schedules for SOS procurement would include a public hearing for the purpose of receiving a briefing from the Commission’s SOS consultant and the Commission’s Technical Staff (“Staff”) concerning the conduct and results of the SOS solicitation.

On January 5, 2007, the Commission issued a Notice of Hearing, scheduling an evidentiary hearing on January 19, 2007. The purpose of the hearing was for the Commission to be briefed on the conduct of the January 16, 2007 solicitation and the solicitation results.

Mr. Walter P. Drabinski testified on behalf of the Commission’s SOS consultant, Vantage Consulting, Inc. (“Vantage”). Mr. Drabinski testified that the biddings were conducted in conformance with the Commission’s requirements, that the

¹ By issuance of this Order the Commission modified the existing SOS framework to require two bidding sears each year rather than the single season that was previously used.

utilities followed the procurement procedures outlined in the Request for Proposals and the appropriate security measures were in place for the duration of the bidding process.² Mr. Drabinski also testified that bidding was very robust. Mr. Philip E. Vanderheyden testified on behalf of Staff. Mr. Vanderheyden testified regarding the estimates of bill impacts given the results of the January 16, 2007 SOS bidding.

Based upon the evidence, the Commission has determined that it will take no action regarding the contracts.³

IT IS THEREFORE, this 19th day of January, in the year Two Thousand and Seven, by the Public Service Commission of Maryland,

ORDERED: (1) No further action of the Commission required; and
(2) That the utilities may proceed to finalize those contracts in accordance with the procedures set forth in the request for proposals and applicable Commission Order.

By Direction of the Commission,

Donald E. Eveleth
Deputy Executive Secretary

² A representative from Vantage was present at each utility as bids were received from potential wholesale suppliers.

³ The Commission notes that no party raised any objections to the SOS bidding.