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Maryland Public Service Commission to Hear Public Comment on Hurricane Irene Outages

(BALTIMORE)—The Maryland Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold hearings to receive public comment related to Hurricane Irene. These public hearings, part of Case No. 9279, pertain to electric service interruptions to BGE customers due to the hurricane.

In the Commission's September 1 Order No. 83406, it was noted that "Hurricane Irene severely impacted electrical service to a significant portion of the State of Maryland beginning on August 27, 2011 and, in some instances, the lack of electrical service continues as of the date of this Order. Because of questions that continue to be raised related to storm preparedness and storm restoration efforts, the Commission will conduct a consolidated inquiry to review the preparedness and performance of the utilities in responding to the major outages..."

As part of that inquiry, the Commission will hold public hearings as follows:

- Tuesday, September 27, 7 p.m.
Baltimore County Office Building, Room 106
111 W. Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland
- Tuesday, October 11, 7 p.m.
Wohlman Assembly Hall
War Memorial Building, 1st Floor
101 N. Gay Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Individuals who cannot attend in person may send written comments to the Commission by October 17, 2011. Originally signed paper comments should be addressed to David J. Collins, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, and reference "Case No. 9279 – Public Comment."

In the event additional evening hearings for public comment are scheduled regarding the preparedness and performance of other electric utilities in the State, the Commission will issue a further notice with the time, date and location of each such hearing.

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