

**Before the
Public Service Commission
of Maryland**

Revisions to COMAR 20.32, 20.50, 20.53,)
20.55, and 20.59 – Competitive Markets and) **Administrative Docket—RM62**
Retail Gas and Electric Customer Choice)

Staff Response to Commission Request for Information

At the close of hearings in the above captioned matter, Staff was asked to provide the following: (1) a list of topics to be included in Phase III of the Working Group considering issues related to competitive markets and retail gas and electric choice; and (2) the purchase of receivables (“POR”) reconciliation balances for all affected utilities. The following represents Staff’s initial response.

Topics for discussion in RM62, Phase III

Parties discussed the merits of several issues in their Comments indicating some amount of disagreement regarding matters included in Phase II and pending matters in Phase III of RM62. Topics that have been offered for discussion include the following:

- The definition of energy consultant and whether there should be a bonding requirement for an entity that fills this role;
- Development of an application to become an energy consultant;
- Development of brochure containing information for consumers about Historical and Interval Usage data and its sharing with third-party service providers;
- Plan of development and improvement for the Commission’s web portal to include both gas and electricity supply, contracting information, and customer education regarding Choice;
- Treatment of discrepancy of offers on the Commission’s web portal as compared with the retail supplier’s web page;
- Web-based and wallet enrollment;
- Advance electronic notice of rate changes;
- Limited additional non-residential consumer protections;
- Method of retail choice budget billing; and
- Method of utility cost recovery where required for items in RM62.

POR Reconciliation balances for Electric and Gas Companies that purchase Supplier Receivables

Actual POR reconciliation balances for affected electric companies are contained in the following chart. These reconciliation balances were filed with the electric companies' POR reports.

Actual BGE POR reconciliation balance through Feb 2018			
Residential	Type I	Type II	Hourly
\$ 1,492,963	\$ 396,454	\$ 2,896,412	\$ 541,978

Pepco Actual POR reconciliation balance through Dec 2017			
Residential	Type I	Type II	Hourly
\$ 2,343	\$ 73,590	\$ 361,198	\$ 918,819

Delmarva Actual POR reconciliation balance through Dec 2017			
Residential	Type I	Type II	Hourly
negative	\$ 125,157	\$ 469,690	\$ 90,155

Potomac Edison POR reconciliation balance through May 2018*			
Residential	Type I	Type II	Hourly
\$ 1,126	\$ 41,695	\$ 282,393	\$ 119,986

*March April and May over/under collection estimated, data from ~2010 to Feb 2018 actual over collection

Actual POR reconciliation balances for the gas companies that purchase receivables are below. Not all gas companies that purchase receivables have filed their POR reports for this year. Staff has requested actual POR balances as of March 31, 2018, and will provide a supplemental filing on this matter when those numbers are available.

Actual BGE POR Reconciliation Balance through Feb 2018	
Residential	General Service
\$ 977,727	\$ 543,707

WGL POR Reconciliation Balance from July 2014 - April 2016	
Residential	General Service
\$ 28,443	\$ 1,847