

**PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
HARRISBURG, PA 17120**

Public Meeting held April 25, 2024

Commissioners Present:

Stephen M. DeFrank, Chairman
Kimberly Barrow, Vice Chair
Ralph V. Yanora
Kathryn L. Zerfuss
John F. Coleman, Jr.

Pennsylvania Public Utility
Commission
v.
PECO Energy Company

Docket Number:
R-2024-3046931

ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 28, 2024, PECO Energy Company (PECO Energy), Utility Code 110550, filed Tariff Electric Pa. P.U.C. No. 8 to become effective May 27, 2024, containing proposed changes in rates, rules, and regulations calculated to produce approximately \$464 million (29.2%) based on data for a fully projected future test year ending December 31, 2025. PECO Energy is also proposing a one-time credit of \$64 million, resulting in a net electric increase of \$399 million (25.1%) in 2025. As proposed, the total monthly bill for a residential customer using 700 kWh would increase by \$16.67 from \$135.85 to \$152.52 (12.3%) in 2025. In 2026, the total monthly bill for a residential customer would increase by an additional \$2.70. On April 11, 2024, the Office of Consumer Advocate filed a Formal Complaint. On April 16, 2024, the Office

of Small Business Advocate filed a formal complaint. Various oppositions were also filed.

PECO Energy stated that the requested increase in its base rates is due to its need to earn a fair return on the substantial investments used and useful in PECO Energy's provision of safe and reliable electric service to customers, to support additional investments in utility infrastructure in accordance with PECO Energy's Commission-approved infrastructure replacement program, to deploy new information technology to meet customer expectations and drive operational improvements and efficiencies, and to recover higher operating expenses necessary to provide electric utility service, including increased costs of labor, contracting, and materials.

Pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. §1308(d), the filing will be suspended by operation of law until December 27, 2024, unless permitted by Commission Order to become effective at an earlier date.

Investigation and analysis of this proposed tariff filing and the supporting data indicate that the proposed changes in rates, rules, and regulations may be unlawful, unjust, unreasonable, and contrary to the public interest. It also appears that consideration should be given to the reasonableness of PECO Energy's existing rates, rules, and regulations; **THEREFORE,**

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That an investigation on Commission motion be, and hereby is, instituted to determine the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of the rates, rules, and regulations contained in the proposed Tariff Electric Pa. P.U.C. No. 8.

2. That the proposed Tariff Electric Pa. P.U.C. No. 8 is suspended by operation of law until December 27, 2024, unless otherwise directed by Order of the Commission.

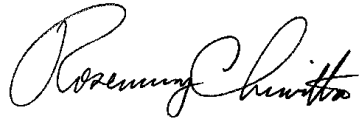
3. That pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §53.71 tariff supplements shall be filed with the Commission and posted at the company to announce that the aforementioned Original Tariff is suspended until the date stated in the Commission Order. Attached is a sample copy of a suspension supplement which shall be filed in triplicate or, if applicable, e-filed with the Commission within 10 days following the Order entry date.

4. That this investigation shall include consideration of the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of the PECO Energy Company's existing rates, rules, and regulations.

5. That the case be assigned to the Office of Administrative Law Judge for the prompt scheduling of such hearings as may be necessary culminating in the issuance of a Recommended Decision.

6. That a copy of this Order shall be served upon PECO Energy Company, the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Office of Small Business Advocate, and any persons who have filed Formal Complaints against the proposed tariff supplement.

BY THE COMMISSION,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosemary Chiavetta". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rosemary Chiavetta
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: April 25, 2024

ORDER ENTERED: April 25, 2024

ATTACHMENT

Supplement No. _____ to

Pa. P.U.C. No. _____

(COMPANY'S NAME)

(TERRITORY SERVED BY COMPANY)

The application of rates proposed in Supplement No. _____ to Tariff _____ Pa. P.U.C. No. _____ filed to become effective _____ (and voluntarily postponed to become effective _____, is hereby suspended until _____, at Docket No. _____). Presently effective rates contained in Tariff _____ Pa. P.U.C. No. _____ and supplements thereto, will continue in effect until otherwise amended.

Issued:

Issued in compliance with

Title 66 PA C.S.