

ORDER NO. 84926

IN THE MATTER OF POTOMAC
ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY AND
DELMARVA POWER AND LIGHT
COMPANY REQUEST FOR THE
DEPLOYMENT OF ADVANCED
METER INFRASTRUCTURE.

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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF MARYLAND

CASE NO. 9207

IN THE MATTER OF BALTIMORE
GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR
AUTHORIZATION TO DEPLOY A
SMART GRID INITIATIVE AND TO
ESTABLISH A SURCHARGE
MECHANISM FOR THE RECOVERY
OF COST

CASE NO. 9208

Issue Date: May 25, 2012

**INTERIM ORDER REGARDING AN
“OPT-OUT” OPTION FOR SMART METERS**

As the Commission considers the question of whether to allow customers in the affected service territories to opt out of smart meter installations, we hereby Order, on an interim basis, that, effective immediately:

- 1) Until such time as the Commission issues its final decision on these issues, the utilities shall refrain from installing a smart meter in the home or business of any customer who notifies the utility in writing that they do not wish to have a smart meter installed, and
- 2) For those customers that inform their utility in writing that they have already received a smart meter but do not wish to have one, the utility shall refrain from activating those customers’ smart meter transmitters until such time as the Commission issues its final decision on these issues.

We wish to be clear, however, that **WE HAVE NOT REACHED ANY DECISION AS TO WHETHER TO PERMIT THE CUSTOMERS OF THE UTILITIES IN THESE CASES TO “OPT-OUT” OF RECEIVING A SMART METER PERMANENTLY OR, IF SO, WHAT THE TERMS OF ANY POSSIBLE FUTURE OPT-OUT MIGHT INCLUDE.** This Interim Order should not be read to suggest or foreshadow anything beyond the purely interim directive it contains.

/s/ Douglas R. M. Nazarian _____

/s/ Harold D. Williams _____

/s/ Lawrence Brenner _____

/s/ Kelly Speakes-Backman _____

/s/ W. Kevin Hughes _____

Commissioners