

FERC CASE No. ER05-515 - Transmission Rates for BGE, PEPCO and DPL

BGE, PEPCO and DPL filed a request with FERC establish what is called for a formula rate for its transmission service. Under a formula rate, the rate is automatically updated every year based on cost data that is routinely filed with FERC. OPC filed a protest of the utilities' filing that did not oppose the concept of formula rates but contended that there were elements of the utilities proposal that would inflate the rate to unreasonable levels. FERC set the matter for an evidentiary hearing and eventually assigned the matter to an Administrative Law Judge for the purposes of discussing settlement. Numerous parties in the case filed a settlement agreement. OPC chose not to support that settlement. However, based on the status of the litigation of the case, OPC stated that it would not oppose the settlement. FERC subsequently approved a settlement agreement.