

CASE No. 9074 - Investigation of Rate Mitigation Measures Pursuant to Senate Bill 1, Section 11

On August 18, 2006, the PSC initiated a proceeding required by Senate Bill 1, Section 11 to investigate rate mitigation plans for residential consumers. The OPC filed the testimony of its expert, Roger Colton, who described universal service programs in other states and made recommendations for modification of Maryland's Electric Universal Service Program (EUSP). The OPC filed a brief requesting the PSC accept Mr. Colton's recommendations, including his proposal to create a gas universal service program, to revise the eligibility standards for EUSP to take affordability into account, and to require energy efficiency measures for new low-income residential construction. On December 13, 2006 a PSC Hearing Examiner issued an order accepting most of what OPC recommended. Other parties appealed, but the PSC never issued a final order.