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## **MARYLAND UTILITIES ISSUE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE SUPPLY OF WHOLESALE ELECTRIC POWER**

**BALTIMORE** – Oct. 13, 2005 – The Potomac Edison Company d/b/a Allegheny Power (AP), Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE), Delmarva Power & Light Company (Delmarva), and Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco) have issued Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for full-requirements, wholesale electric power supply to meet their Standard Offer Service (SOS) obligations in their Maryland service territories.

Each utility will provide market-based supply service to some or all of its electric customers who do not take service from competitive retail suppliers. The RFPs will consist of single-year, multi-year and seasonal (summer and non-summer) contracts. The bidding for the single and multi-year contracts will occur in three rounds, scheduled to begin in December 2005 and conclude in February 2006, for supply services to begin June 1, 2006, except for BGE's residential load, which will begin July 1, 2006. The bidding for the summer season contracts will occur in February 2006, coinciding with the third round of bidding for the single and multi-year contracts, and the bidding for the non-summer contracts will occur in June 2006. The four utilities will concurrently conduct their bidding processes under uniform rules and timetables. The utilities are requesting electric supply proposals totaling approximately 7,540 megawatts (MW), including:

- 280 MW for **AP**
- 4,830 MW for **BGE**
- 630 MW for **Delmarva**
- 1,800 MW for **Pepco**

A joint-utility pre-bid conference will be held on October 19, 2005, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Baltimore. The conference will review the general RFP structure and process, the specific utility bid plans, and the power supply contract.

Additional details regarding the RFPs, the pre-bid conference and utility contact information can be found by visiting any of the following utility RFP websites:

**AP**            [www.alleghenypower.com/rfp/Maryland](http://www.alleghenypower.com/rfp/Maryland)

**BGE**            [rfp.bge.com](http://rfp.bge.com)

**Delmarva**    [www.delmarva.com/mdrfp](http://www.delmarva.com/mdrfp)

**Pepco**          [www.pepco.com/mdrfp](http://www.pepco.com/mdrfp)

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