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ICYMI: Comptroller Lierman Calls on Energy Companies to Return \$250 Million in Refunds to Ratepayers

Comptroller urges utilities to provide full customer credits following the decision of the Supreme Court of Maryland

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (September 25, 2026) — Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman at yesterday's Maryland Board of Revenue Estimates meeting called on Maryland's electric utilities to provide credits to their customers, following a July decision by the Supreme Court of Maryland in *Comptroller of Maryland v. The Potomac Edison Company*.

In the decision, the Court determined that certain equipment used by electric utilities to transmit and distribute electricity qualifies for Maryland's sales and use tax exemption. As a result of the decision, the Office of the Comptroller will issue refunds expected to total more than \$250 million.

"While I respectfully disagree with the Court's interpretation of Maryland's tax law, we will follow the law and issue the refunds required by the Court's decision," said **Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman**. "This refund will create a windfall for the energy companies in Maryland, more than \$250 million in overpayments on taxes and interest. This is ratepayer money. When utilities pay taxes, they recover those taxes through the rates that they charge their customers."

“Therefore, this money that is a refund of taxes paid and interest paid on those taxes, belongs to ratepayers,” Lierman said. “I call on the energy companies to do the right thing here and act quickly to issue credits to all ratepayers in the full amount of the amount of taxes being refunded to each company and provide an accounting for that to the Public Service Commission. This \$250 million plus should be in addition to the \$32.2 million in overpayments that the energy companies collected in 2025.”

[Watch a video of Comptroller Lierman at the Board of Revenues Estimates meeting.](#)

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