

## January 11, 2024. Fourth Formal Case No. 1171 Technical Conference.

### Speakers:

**Staff:** Public Service Commission of D.C.

**Pepco:** Potomac Electric Power Company

**PHI:** Pepco Holdings, Inc.

**OAG:** Office of the Attorney General, D.C.

**OPC:** Office of the People's Counsel, D.C.

**DOEE:** Department of Energy and Environment, D.C.

### 1. Technical Conference commenced at 10:02 a.m.

- a. **Staff:** Since the last meeting, Pepco has filed three bi-weekly reports. Staff wanted to provide an opportunity for the company to talk about the reports and allow for comments on them by stakeholders.
  - b. **Pepco:** displayed the January 4<sup>th</sup> biweekly filing. The previous two reports contain the same data. Pepco completed the review of the December data, and the data did not change.
    - i. There is no change in attachments 1 or 2 in perpetuity moving forward.
    - ii. Attachment 3, based on the last meeting, addressed the requests by Staff and stakeholders for clarity (including the graying of the cells). The company is still using August 2023 data for 202 meters.
  - c. **Staff:** asked whether the number of estimates is static at 202; what about the VCREFs?
  - d. **Pepco:** replied that it is using the August 2023 data for 202 meters and actual data for 144 meters, as listed on the top of the chart.
    - i. For VCREFs, Pepco executed one transfer agreement and is waiting on a signature for the other VCREF. The company has not received a response at this time, but it is making final preparations for transfer.
2. **Staff:** Can you elaborate more on the interim and permanent solution?
- a. **Pepco:** For the interim solution, it is currently in place. Pepco is pulling the data and reading it manually.
    - i. As for the permanent solution, the goal is to have eGauge fully automated by Q1 of this year. [Shows timeline chart]. By the end of Q3 the company plans on having all identified models into automation. As they become automated, Pepco will be implementing an onboarding process so existing facilities can roll into automation within the interconnection timelines.
    - ii. Information on this automation is available on Pepco's website.
  - b. **DOEE:** stated that Pepco mentioned that a number of subscriber orgs. have not told them the type of meter and asked for a number.
  - c. **PHI:** responded that Pepco has roughly 25 sites it did not receive a response from after reaching out again in December. The company will continue to reach out. This number is listed under "unknown" in the biweekly report.

- d. **Staff:** Anything about the last bullet on slide 3? As that data flow begins will you notify the CREFs that are affected?
  - e. **PHI:** stated that Pepco is still working through those details, but there will be some validation required. [see Slides attached to these minutes as “Attachment A.”]
  - f. **NO FURTHER QUESTIONS RAISED**
3. **Pepco:** raised an issue concerning the cadence of reports, which is currently biweekly. This leads to reports not changing, and it may be more prudent to move to a monthly cycle to match the billing cycle.
- a. **Staff:** stated that the reporting cycle was set forth in the order itself, and as such, a petition to modify must be filed for the Commission to act and issue a different schedule. Pepco can make such a motion with reasons, and the Commission will consider it.
  - b. **Pepco:** stated that is our intent, but wanted to know if there was any opposition to this first. It made sense during meter removals, but now that removals are completed, any changes are now tied to billing cycles.
  - c. **Staff:** asked if anyone had any concerns about Pepco’s proposal. There was **NO RESPONSE.**
4. **Staff:** said that the billing reconciliation order [No. 21600] required reconciliation of prior Pepco billing back to 2015. The Commission is in the process of establishing an auditor for that process, and it should be completed in a short time. Staff asked Pepco whether it had any further information on that reconciliation or an update at this time.
- a. **Pepco:** replied that it wrote a letter in response to DOEE’s comments, and it has nothing to add beyond what that letter stated. The company stated it understands DOEE’s position but believes this is an issue that can be resolved at a later time.
  - b. **DOEE:** clarified that it was not asking about how the costs are allocated, but rather concerning steps taken to prepare to work with the auditor at this time.
  - c. **Pepco:** stated that it is not able to comment on its preparation at this time, but it will be happy to work with them. The Company further stated that once the auditor is retained, it will provide documents as requested. Until then, there is nothing to do with those records until requested. Pepco added that it does not believe the company had CREFs in 2015, but it will provide all documents that are requested by the auditor that it has.
  - d. **OAG:** asked Staff about the audit, stating it is unclear as to when the Commission intends to retain an auditor or even put out an RFP for it. OAG asked about the scope [timeframe] the auditor is going to look at and when it will begin.
  - e. **Staff:** replied that an RFP was issued, the Commission is currently putting the contractor in place, and once that is finalized, they can share that info with other stakeholders. The Commission is following Order No. 21600 exactly with what that audit will consist of. Stakeholders should look at that to see what the audit

will consist of. The RFP was issued, and the contract will be awarded as soon as possible. Staff cannot give an exact date, but it is in the very near future.

- f. **OAG:** asked about the scope of the audit. The order said going back to 2015, but going back *from* when? For example, are we starting from Pepco's implementation of its permanent solution?
  - g. **Staff:** replied that information is in the RFP, but believe it is 2023 back to 2015. That will be the reconciliation period.
  - h. **OPC:** asked whether the Commission thought about moving towards directing the company on how the reimbursement will be done.
  - i. **Staff:** responded, no. At the time of the meeting, there was nothing imminent on that matter.
5. **Staff:** asked whether anyone had any thoughts on the frequency of the next technical conferences. Perhaps February.
- a. **DOEE:** stated that it would be reliant on whenever Pepco can file new relevant information. It would make sense to have them after a new Pepco billing cycle.
  - b. **Pepco:** stated that there will be more movement in February going into March based on the permanent solution timeline. The company stated that maybe the second week of February would be ideal, and then another going into March.
  - c. **Staff:** stated that it will look at dates we can accommodate and set a date for the next CREF technical conference. Upon which, the conference was adjourned.

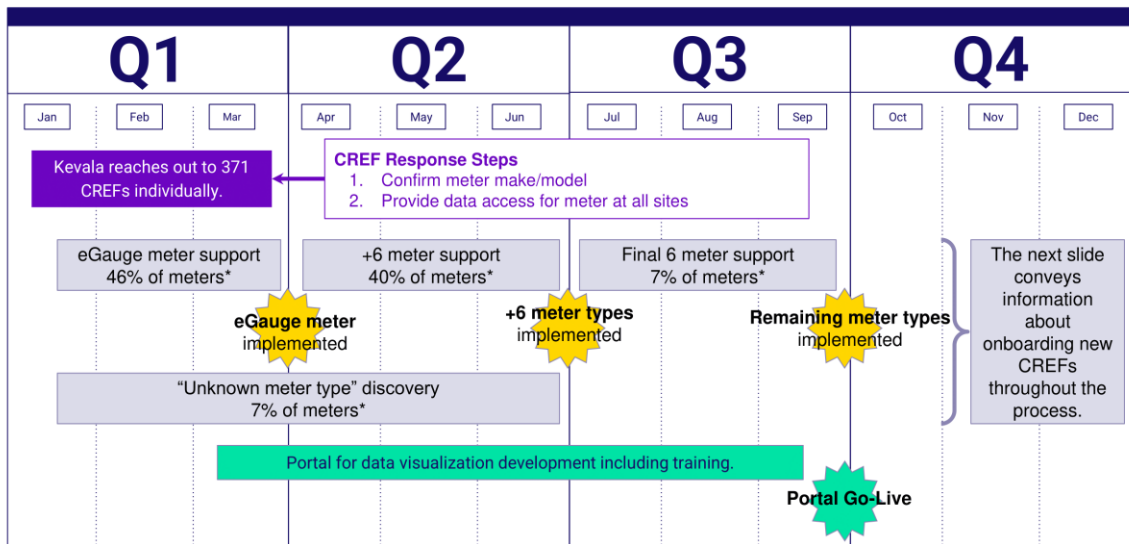
**The Technical Conference adjourned at approximately 10:34 a.m.**

**ATTACHMENT A**

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**CREF Automation Engagement Plan**



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\*based on initial population of 371 CREF meters 2

## Meter Interface Development

- Kevala is developing interfaces for the **known meter types**.

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| AccuEnergy | AlsoEnergy          | ConnectDER | eGauge | Elkor     |
| Enphase    | Fronius Smart Meter | Locus      | SMA    | SolarEdge |
| Solaris    | Veris               | Vision     |        |           |

- For **new CREFs** coming online, outside of the initial 371:
  - If new CREF uses a meter *with an interface already developed*, an onboarding process is in development to align with regulatory requirements and timelines.
  - If new CREF uses a meter *without an interface previously developed*, the CREF will proceed through existing onboarding without the automatic data transfer until the meter interface is developed per the current project plan.
  - Data transfer will commence after onboarding is complete.