

**May 10, 2024. Seventh Formal Case No. 1171/GD-2022-01-E Technical Conference**

**Speakers:**

**Staff:** Public Service Commission of DC.

**Pepco:** Potomac Electric Power Company.

**DCG/DOEE:** DC Government/Department of Energy and the Environment

**CleanGrid:** CleanGridAdvisors.

**1. Technical Conference commenced at 10:32 a.m.**

- a. **Staff:** Welcomed the attendees and laid out the ground rules.

**2. Commission Order No. 21985, May 1, 2024 – CREF Billing Reconciliation Audit**

- a. **Staff:** reminded the attendees that the latest Order stated that all the CREF data should be submitted to Pepco by May 31, 2024. The Order extended the deadline for Pepco’s reconciliation to June 30, 2024 (July 1) and extended the audit report due date to August 15, 2024. The Order also directed Pepco to rely on the National Renewable Energy Laboratory PVWatts Calculator production estimates to calculate a CREF’s production if the meter cannot be read from June to September 2024. May 31, 2024, was set as the deadline for the Pepco update on the permanent solution. September 30, 2024, was set as the deadline for Pepco to rely on default generation numbers. The DCG motion for clarification filed on April 26, 2024, is currently held in abeyance.
- b. **Staff:** opened the floor to questions and urged any CREFs that have not provided their data to do so as soon as possible.
- c. **Pepco:** said they are still reviewing the order and do not have additional comments at this time.
- d. **DCG/DOEE:** reached out to PJM GATS regarding obtaining the generation data and said PJM GATS could notify the producers of the need to provide their data for the reconciliation. DCG/DOEE asked the Commission to put it on the record should they take such a path.
- i. **Staff:** said they would look into this option. They then said a full list of the CREFs, responsive and non-responsive, giving their identities and locations, is attached to the bi-weekly report. The staff asked if anyone had reached out and contacted the CREFs on this list.
- ii. **DCG/DOEE:** DOEE has reached out to all solar for all CREFs on the matter, but they cannot “cross-check” who among them has already provided their data or not. Some data has been provided but not as much as everyone wants. They stated that CREF owners do not respond to everyone, but they will likely respond to PJM GATS.

**3. Discussion of Pepco May 9, 2024, Bi-Weekly Report**

- a. **Staff:** asked Pepco to provide an overview of the biweekly report.

- b. **Pepco:** stated there were not many changes from the last report to now but did add a footnote that Pepco is receiving data from 166 meters, more than is reflected in the April billing cycle the report covers.
- c. **Pepco:** added that after additional checks, they discovered CREFs incorrectly listed their meter make as “Solaris,” which is a distributor, not a maker. Those have now been changed to “Unknown” and must be re-checked.
  - i. **Staff:** asked Pepco if they have done site visits to visually identify the meter makes and models.
  - ii. **Pepco:** responded that information was filled in in the report for meters that were visibly identifiable. Any meters currently listed as “Unknown” must have the info given to Pepco by the SO because they are not physically accessible.
- d. **Staff:** asked for a follow-up on CREFs providing data to Pepco.
  - i. **Pepco:** responded that they have received data from one CREF for the audit since the last technical conference.
  - ii. **Staff:** reminded the attendees that if CREFs are uncomfortable giving Pepco the data, they can give data directly to the auditor (WatsonRice).
- e. **DCG/DOEE:** asked Pepco if they have received data from the DC Sustainable Energy Utility as they said they were collecting data from meters on their developments and preparing to send it to Pepco.
  - i. **Pepco:** responded that they have not received anything from DC Sustainable Energy at this time.
  - ii. **DCG/DOEE:** responded that they will send the spreadsheet with data to Pepco after the technical conference.

#### 4. **Pepco’s Update on CREF Meter Reading Capability**

- a. **Pepco:** stated that with 147 meters currently being read, the interim solution has concluded. 167 meters have been implemented in phase 1 of the permanent solution. The Company is now moving into phase 2 of permanent integration for 7 meter makes. However, there are still approximately 24 unknown meters, and they cannot automate what they do not know. Pepco is “on track” with the Commission’s order deadline for the meters “that they know.” They are 90% confident they will be able to get all information necessary for implementation, but that there are specific requirements necessary like providing passwords, creation of profiles, granting access to the meters data, and other actions CREFs must take to allow reading of their meters. They will file a more detailed report on May 31 as per the Commission’s Order, better illustrating their progress.
- b. **CleanGrid:** asked, for the 24 unknown meters, if Pepco will use the default generation data or if they will use PVWatts should they not have the data.
  - i. **Pepco:** said they hope to have them automated, but if not, they must determine what the method will be. They do not have a perfect answer in the wake of the Commission’s most recent order, which they are still evaluating.

## 5. Next Steps

- a. **Staff:** reiterated that Pepco must work on reading the meters, reconciliation work must continue until the specific date, all those capable should continue reaching out to CREFs for data, and the auditor report will be out in late August.
- b. **Staff:** requested DCG/DOEE to email them saying who they spoke to at PJM GATS regarding their CREF outreach solution.
- c. **Proposed schedule for minutes submission:** draft sent to stakeholders by COB Monday, May 13, edits returned to Staff by COB Wednesday, May 15, with the final minutes to be docketed Friday, May 17, 2024.
- d. **Next Technical conference is expected in June 2024.**

**The 7<sup>th</sup> Technical Conference adjourned at approximately 11:06 a.m.**