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Good Afternoon Mr. Chairman and Public Service Commissioners. My name is Troy Tomlinson and I appreciate the opportunity to share my comments at this public meeting.

Over the past few months, as the world and the District of Columbia reacted to the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, as a long time homeowner in Ward 4, on behalf of my family and business, I began to keep tabs on what steps different organizations and service providers took to support their customers. In my research, I learned of Pepco's quick response to prohibit all power disconnections and provide financial relief to customers who were experiencing economic struggles. Although I have been lucky to be financially stable throughout the crisis, I was happy to know we have organizations like Pepco ensuring the most vulnerable among us have security during uncertain times.

Pepco's response to the COVID-19 crisis is a great example of how they truly have the interests of the District of Columbia at heart, and provides the rationale behind why I am writing today to express my support for their proposed Multi-Year Plan. As we move on to the recovery phase of this crisis, one thing people will be looking for is stability. I think there is no better way for Pepco to help provide financial predictability to residents of the District of Columbia than having set and fair rates for power consumption. We also need reliable and secure service. This is key to economic stability and growth.

I understand that rate increases that impact the budgets of all homeowners and businesses deserve thoughtful consideration and many are not in favor of even raising the topic during this pandemic. I do note, however that we have not experienced a rate increase since 2014. The multi-year plan also commits that all such work is ongoing while rates remain frozen until 2022. And of significant import to me is that the Commission's oversight and public review of Pepco's accountability is ensured on a regular basis.

This plan will bring long-awaited stability to our utility bills that will benefit everyone. I trust Pepco and I trust their plan and look forward to the Public Service Commission's fair consideration of the full proposal and its benefits, considerate of all customers.