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Ms. Brinda Westbrook-Sedgwick Commission Secretary Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia 1325 G Street N.W., Suite 800 Washington, DC 20005

## Re: Formal Case No. 1119

Dear Ms. Westbrook-Sedgwick:

Enclosed please Potomac Electric Power Company's ("Pepco") Responses to the District of Columbia Public Service Commission Staff's Data Request Set No. 14 in the above referenced proceeding.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Dennis P. Jamouneau

Enclosures

cc: All Parties of Record

## **QUESTION NO.** 1

Please refer to Merger Commitment No. 128. Have the contract(s) for 100 MWs of wind energy been executed? Please provide a status update on the ExGen PPA(s).

## RESPONSE:

The RFP was issued on or about 7/13/18. Thereafter, three respondents were short-listed and ExGen is now in the process of negotiating a PPA with the front-runner.

## **QUESTION NO.** 2

Please refer to Merger Commitment No. 117. The Commitment states: "Exelon shall provide \$5 million of capital to creditworthy governmental entities at market rates for the development of renewable energy projects in the District of Columbia." With regard to this commitment, please answer the following questions:

- (1) Has any actions been taken with regard to this commitment? Please provide a status update.
- (2) Has Pepco considered targeting this \$5 million at the Mt. Vernon area? Why or why not?

## RESPONSE:

- 1) As of the date of this filing, no creditworthy governmental entities have pursued the availability of these funds.
- 2) According to the commitment, these funds are available to any creditworthy governmental entity that meets the commitment criteria, including an agency that would use the funds in the Mt. Vernon area.

### **QUESTION NO. 3**

Please refer to Table 3 of Pepco's DLC Annual Report. For 4/26/2018, was the system test referring to a PHI-wide system test or Pepco DC system test? In 2018, were there any cycling events initiated due to local reliability needs?

### **RESPONSE:**

The system test held on 4/26/18 was PHI-wide. There were no cycling events initiated due to local reliability needs in Pepco DC in 2018.

### **QUESTION NO.** 4

Please refer to page 7 of Pepco's DLC Annual Report. There were 4 customer complaints for overrides. Please explain the reasons for complaints and how they were addressed.

#### **RESPONSE**:

There were four customers who expressed complaints about the excessive heat when they called to override the conservation event. The curtailment of the customers' air conditioning was immediately discontinued and the air conditioners successfully returned to normal operation. During the call to override the event, the four customers also chose to discontinue participation in Energy Wise Rewards. The four customers were unenrolled and their Energy Wise Rewards devices were deactivated. We attempt to take the opportunity to holistically approach customers with solutions for their energy needs, and recommend other programs that may be beneficial to them.

### **QUESTION NO. 5**

Please refer to page 8 of Pepco's DLC Annual Report. PJM market revenue received in 2018 amounted to \$504,877. Please answer the following questions:

- (i) Please provide a breakdown of (1) capacity BRA revenue and (2) energy market revenue for 2018.
- (ii) Please provide the BRA revenue for (1) 2017/2018 and (2) 2018/2019.
- (iii) How many MWs cleared for DC and what are the total revenues from BRA for delivery year 2017/2018 and delivery year 2018/2019 respectively?
- (iv) Please provide the MWs cleared for DC plus expected total capacity revenue with PJM seasonal matching (aggregation) occurred in the BRA auctions conducted in 2017 and 2018.

### **RESPONSE**:

- (i) The total market revenue of \$504,877 was revenue from PJM's capacity market. There were no energy market revenues earned in 2018.
- (ii) The BRA revenues for 2017/2018 and 2018/2019, respectively, were \$805,920 and \$292,458.
- (iii)The cleared capacity and total revenues from the BRA for delivery years 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 are as follows:

Delivery Year	Cleared MW	Revenue
2017/2018	18.4	\$805,920
2018/2019	19.5	\$292,458

(iv)The cleared capacity and total revenues from the BRA auctions for delivery years 2020/2021 and 2021/2022, conducted in May 2017 and May 2018, respectively, are as follows:

Delivery Year	Cleared MW	Revenue
2020/2021	5.4	\$79,876
2021/2022	9.0	\$231,840

## **QUESTION NO.** 6

On page 10 of Pepco's DLC Annual Report, item 7, it says: "A deferral pilot is still under consideration at PHI. If action is taken and, after the results of the pilot are analyzed, Pepco will report to the Commission with further detail." Has Pepco submitted a pilot program at Maryland PSC? If so, please provide the status of the pilot.

#### **RESPONSE:**

At this time, the pilot is still under consideration but will not be implemented in 2019.

## **QUESTION NO.** 7

Please refer to page 10, item 6 of the DLC Annual Report. What are the major differences between the SEU Smart Thermostat Program and Pepco's current DLC Program?

### **RESPONSE**:

Pepco Energy Wise Rewards is the company's direct load control program through which enrolled customers receive a \$30 to \$60 bill credit once the cycling device is installed, and bill credits of \$6 to \$12 on their June through October invoices for allowing the company to cycle their HVAC system to shave load during conservation events.

The SEU Smart Thermostat Program provides a \$25 to \$50 rebate on eligible smart thermostats for DC residents. These smart thermostats enable customers to save energy through sensors and machine learning algorithms, rule-based settings and the ability to remotely adjust settings using a mobile application.

We are currently evaluating a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) solution for the District via the CleanEnergy DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2018, where customer owned smart thermostats purchased with rebates offered by the SEU could be enrolled in Energy Wise Rewards. We have already launched BYOD in our Maryland jurisdictions.

### **QUESTION NO. 8**

Please refer to page 9, item 3 of the DLC Annual Report. Please answer the following questions:

- (i) Does Pepco plan to conduct additional focus groups in 2019?
- (ii) Based on the feedback from the two focus groups with a total of 20 customers for 2018, does Pepco propose any changes at this time?

#### **RESPONSE:**

- (i) Pepco does not plan to conduct additional focus groups in 2019 since the feedback received in the 2018 focus groups provided sufficient information regarding the customers' reaction to proposed reduced incentives and/or longer cycling hours.
- (ii) Due to the unanimous negative response from the members of both focus groups conducted in 2018, Pepco does not propose any changes at this time.

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of Potomac Electric Power Company's Responses to the District of Columbia Public Service Commission Staff's Data Request Set No. 14 was served this May 14, 2019 on all parties in Formal Case No. 1119 by electronic mail.

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