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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 1050

Dear Ms. Westbrook-Sedgwick:

Enclosed please find Potomac Electric Power Company's Quarterly Interconnection Report for the second quarter 2019 pursuant to Order No. 18575, issued on October 17, 2016, in the above-referenced proceeding.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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**Enclosures** 

cc: All Parties of Record



POTOMAC ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY
FC1050- Quarterly Compliance Report
Covering interconnection Applications Received
April 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019



#### I. Introduction

Pursuant to Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia ("Commission") Order No. 18575 issued on October 17, 2016, Potomac Electric Power Company ("Pepco" or "the Company") submits its Quarterly Interconnection Report for second quarter 2019 ("Q2 2019 Report").

#### II. Background

On February 13, 2009, the Commission promulgated the District of Columbia Small Generator Interconnection Rules ("DCSGIR") setting forth the procedures and standards for customers with on-site generation to interconnect with Pepco's electric distribution system. The DCSGIR requires Pepco, among other things, to maintain and track the Company's progress in implementing interconnections in the District of Columbia.

On October 17, 2016, the Commission issued Order No. 18575 directing Pepco to make certain modifications to its Interconnection Report beginning with its January 1, 2018 report and to file quarterly reports providing certain information regarding the number of incomplete applications and the number of applications for which the approval deadlines have been missed beginning with the quarter ending September 30, 2016.

On July 2, 2019, the Commission issued Order No. 19969 directing Pepco to modify its Quarterly Interconnection Reports beginning with its July 30, 2019 report providing certain information regarding the amount of solar energy from system meeting the requirement of D.C. Code § 34-1432(e)(1) for which interconnection requests have been submitted in the previous six (6) months.

#### III. Q1 2019 Quarterly Report

#### A. Information Required by Commission Order No. 18575

Commission Order No. 18575 requires Pepco to submit to the Commission, within 30 days after the close of each quarter, a report detailing the following: (1) the number of applications for which the approval deadlines have been missed and (2) a report on the number of incomplete applications received.

In compliance with Commission Order No. 18575, the Company reports the number of applications for which the approval deadlines were missed:

#### 1. Timeliness of Approval Deadlines

## **Timeliness of Review for Completeness**

During the quarter ending June 30, 2019, Pepco received 722 interconnection requests, an 60.44% increase over the same period last year, and completed 100% of the initial reviews for completion within the required timeframe. Attachment A provides detail regarding the approval deadlines for the quarter ending June 30, 2019.

### **Timeliness of Approval to Install**

During the quarter ending June 30, 2019, Pepco issued 586 approvals to install, a 79.20% increase over the same period last year, and completed 90.10% (98.9% excluding CREF) of the approvals to install within the required timeframe.

On January 9, 2019 the Commission issued Order No. 19795 amending Chapter 40 of Title 15 of DCMR- District of Columbia Small Generator Interconnection Rules which increased the nameplate capacity cap of Level 1 requests from 10 to 20 kWAC, shortened the timeline for initial review for completeness from 10 to 5 business days; shortened the timeline for Level 1 technical analysis from 15 to 5 business days and reduced the timeline for Level 2 requests from 20 to 15 business days. The newly adopted 5 business day Level 1 technical screening timeline represents a 66% reduction in allowable screening time, coupled with the added complexity from larger projects as a result of the Level 1 nameplate capacity cap change presents a significant challenge to the company in 2019. The company highlighted its concerns and potential impacts in comments during the NOPR process.

Fifty -Two of the applications that failed to meet approval deadlines were Community Renewable Energy Facility (CREF) applications. The Company and other stakeholders are working together to develop CREF-specific rules with appropriate timelines through the Commission working group. Attachment A provides detail regarding the approval deadlines for the quarter ending June 30, 2019.

#### **Timeliness of Authorization to Operate**

During the quarter ending June 30, 2019, Pepco issued 404 Level 1 applications Authorizations to Operate ("ATO") and completed 98.27% of the ATOs within the required timeframe.

# In compliance with Commission Order No. 18575 the Company reports the number of applications deemed incomplete:

#### 2. Interconnection Requests Deemed Incomplete

During the quarter ending June 30, 2019, Pepco received and reviewed 722 interconnection requests, of which 81 (or 11.22%) were deemed incomplete during the completeness review process and returned to the customer and contractor for resubmittal. This represents a 5.45% decrease as compared to the second quarter of 2018. Attachment B provides detail regarding applications deemed incomplete during the quarter ending June 30, 2019.

The top three reasons applications were deemed incomplete during the first quarter of 2019 are as follows: Oversized systems (15), Incorrect or incomplete inverter information (27), missing/incomplete/incorrect supporting documents (26).

# B. <u>Information Required by Commission Order 19969</u>

Commission Order No. 19969 requires Pepco to include, beginning no later than July 30, 2019, the total amount of solar energy from solar energy systems meeting the requirements of D.C. Code § 34-1432(e)(1) for which interconnection requests have been submitted in the previous six (6) months in its Quarterly Interconnection Report filed in accordance with Order No. 18575

In compliance with Commission Order No. 19969 the Company reports the number and aggregate capacity of interconnection request received in the previous six months:

During the previous six (6) months, Pepco has received 1,136 interconnection requests with an aggregate nameplate capacity of 25.31MW.

#### Attachment A

#### **Potomac Electric Power Company** Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia FC 1050-Implementation of Interconnection Standards in the District of Columbia Missed Approval Deadlines for Quarter ending June 30, 2019, Order No. 18575 Total No. Deadline Received Missed % Deadline Met Review for Completeness 722 0 100% Approval to Install 586 58 90.10% Authorization to Operate 404 7 98.27% Level 1 Applications

# Attachment B

Potomac Electric Power Company Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia FC 1050- Implementation of Interconnection Standards in the District of Columbia Incomplete Applications for Quarter Ending June 30, 2019, Order No. 18575			
Total Applications Received	No. of Incomplete Applications	% Incomplete Q2 2019	% Incomplete Q2 2018
722	81	11.22%	16.67%

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of Potomac Electric Power Company's Quarterly Interconnection Report for the second quarter 2019 was served this July 29, 2019 on all parties in Formal Case No. 1050 by electronic mail, hand delivery or first class mail, postage prepaid.

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