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November 7, 2019

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: Docket No. GD- 2019-03

Dear Ms. Westbrook-Sedgwick:

Enclosed please find Potomac Electric Power Company's ("Pepco") PowerPoint Presentation for the Florida Avenue Substation Hearings, presented to the Commission on November 6, 2019, in the above referenced docket.

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc: All Parties of Record



# **Florida Avenue Substation Event**



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#### Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia Legislative-Style Hearing

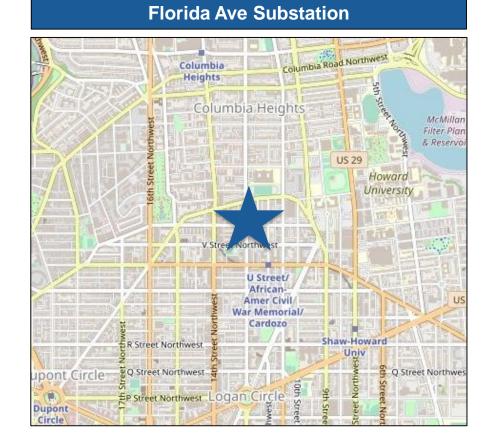
J. Tyler Anthony, Senior Vice President and COO Jaclyn Cantler, Director, Transmission and Substation Engineering November 6, 2019



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# **Key Facts about the Florida Avenue Substation**

- Located in the vicinity of 13<sup>th</sup> St NW and W St NW
- 21,175 customers served
- Florida Ave is a standard 210 MVA substation comprised of 4 transformers
- Neighborhoods served include:
  - Shaw
  - Columbia Heights
  - Adams Morgan
  - Howard University
  - Logan Circle
  - Mount Pleasant





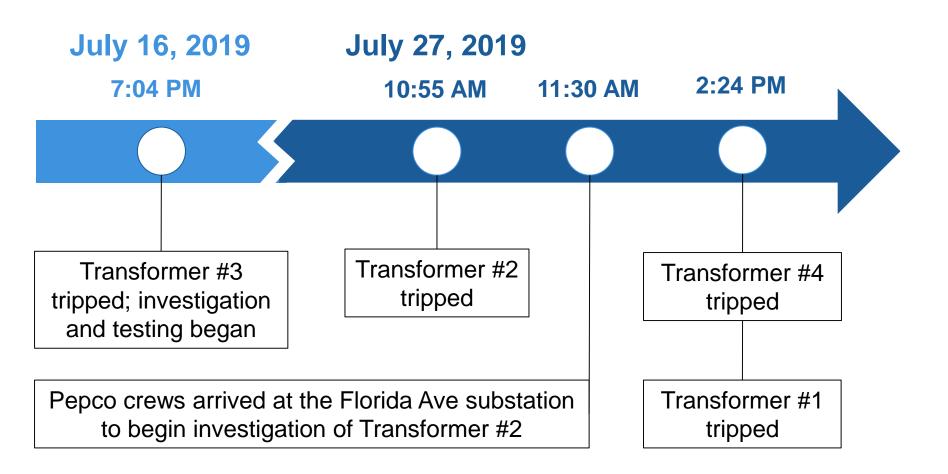
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## Florida Avenue Substation Event Summary

- At 2:24 PM on July 27, 2019, Pepco's Florida Avenue substation lost power, causing an outage for approximately 21,175 customers in the District of Columbia
- Pepco worked diligently over the period that followed to restore those customers
  - Pepco restored service to 15,604 customers by 3:14 PM on July 27—less than an hour after the initial service interruption
  - All the remaining 5,571 customers were restored at 2:44 AM on July 28—approximately 12 hours after the initial service interruption
- Pepco has completed its investigation of the event

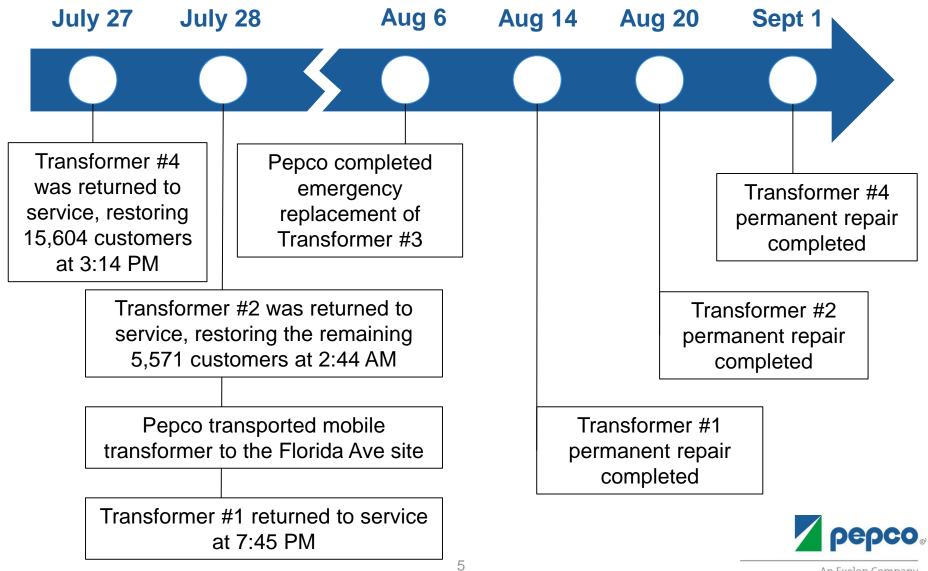


# **Event Chronology**





# **Company Response**



# Florida Avenue Substation Event Outage Causes

The outages associated with the Florida Avenue substation event on July 27 were related to multiple causes, including:

#### **Equipment Failure**

The failure of transformer equipment at the Florida Avenue substation was the primary cause for the loss of Transformers #2 and #3.

#### Human Performance Event

- The loss of Transformer #4 was related to human performance, as a Pepco crew inadvertently impacted the transformer while conducting an investigation at the site.
- The loss of Transformer #4 caused Transformer #1 to trip due to overload.



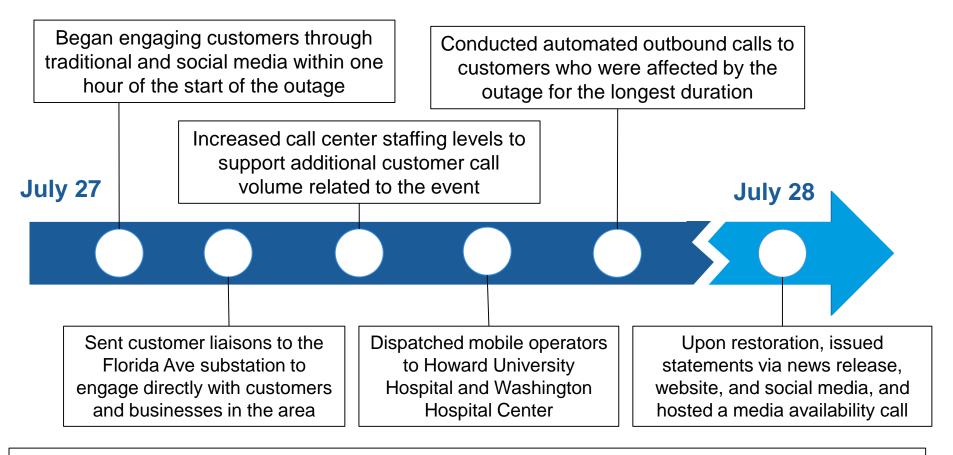
#### **Investigation of the Florida Avenue Substation Event**

As a result of its investigation of the event, Pepco has identified several lessons learned, primarily including the need to apply renewed focus and rigor to the following areas:

- Improving Transformer Maintenance and Monitoring
- Increasing Engineering Involvement in Corrective Maintenance
- Improving the Human Performance Culture



# **Communications and Customer Outreach**



Throughout the event, provided regular updates to District government officials and community leaders, media, as well as commercial and critical customers who lost service Also issued letters to all impacted customers post-event



#### **Customer Outreach Lessons Learned**

Pepco performed a full review of its standard customer service and communications processes for outage events such as this one, and identified the following opportunities for improvement:

- Proactively provide information about the status of the restoration effort to customers
- Revise Pepco's call center staffing strategy to respond to outage and emergency calls on a 24x7 basis
- Enhance business continuity protocols for critical customers (*e.g.*, hospitals)
- Leverage Pepco's social media channels and websites more extensively to increase frequency of updates and extend message reach



#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of Potomac Electric Power Company's Powerpoint Presentation for Florida Avenue Substation Hearing was served this November 7, 2019 on all parties in Formal Case No. 982 by electronic mail.

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