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**Support – House Bill 648 – Office of Home Energy Programs - Uniform Redetermination Process – Age**

Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco), and Delmarva Power & Light Company (Delmarva Power) support **House Bill 648 - Office of Home Energy Programs - Uniform Redetermination Process – Age**. House Bill 648 reduces the age at which certain eligible energy customers qualify for redetermination process for enrollment in energy assistance programs from 65 to 60. As a Maryland utility committed to supporting customers facing energy insecurity, we strongly support this bill.

Energy assistance programs, including the Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) and Electric Universal Service Program (EUSP) are among the most important programs available to low-income households. Ensuring that older Marylanders can maintain enrollment without unnecessary procedural hurdles helps prevent energy insecurity, avoids potential health and safety risks from lack of heating or cooling and support overall household stability during a period of heightened financial vulnerability.

Lowering the age threshold to 60 is a commonsense change that will help Marylanders maintain reliable access to energy assistance, streamline agency processes, and enhance customer stability. Pepco and Delmarva Power respectfully request a favorable report on House Bill 648.