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FAVORABLE - House Bill 432
Maryland Transit Administration—Conversion to Electric Buses
(Electric Bus Transition Act)

Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco) and Delmarva Power & Light Company (Delmarva Power) support House Bill 432 Maryland Transit Administration—Conversion to Electric Buses. House Bill 432 prohibits the Maryland Transit Administration (Administration) from entering into a contract to purchase buses that are not electric buses. The bill also requires annual reporting on the status of the transit bus fleet conversion to electric and an evaluation of the charging infrastructure needed for the Administration to create and maintain an electrified transit bus fleet.

In 2013, along with nine other states, Maryland signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on Zero-Emission Vehicle programs. The MOU sets forth a target of 300,000 zero-emissions vehicles in Maryland by 2025. More recently, on January 16, 2019, the Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC) approved a five-year electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure pilot program that will be implemented by four of the state's largest electric utilities. Pepco and Delmarva Power are implementing this pilot program through our EVSmart Program which will help Maryland progress to the state's Air Quality and Chesapeake Bay goals. The EVSmart Program provides rebates, tools and information to help customers make more informed decisions when it comes to making the transition to a cleaner transportation option. House Bill 462 will expand electrification efforts beyond Maryland residents who do not own their own vehicles or choose to avail themselves of public transportation.

Encouraging the growth of public transit EV options, which can help to reach residents who cannot afford to buy their own electric vehicle, is critically important because transportation is the largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in Maryland. For the above reasons Pepco and Delmarva Power respectfully requests a favorable report on House Bill 432.

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