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**OPPOSE – Senate Bill 681**  
**Senate Bill 681 Electricity Suppliers and Gas Suppliers – Consumer Protections**

Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco) and Delmarva Power & Light Company (Delmarva Power) oppose **Senate Bill 681 Electricity Suppliers and Gas Suppliers – Consumer Protections**. Senate Bill 681 would authorize the Office of the People’s Counsel (OPC) to investigate and request documents and information from electricity suppliers and gas suppliers if it determines that it is necessary to protect the interest of residential and gas customers. It would require the supplier to provide OPC with written responses and documents related to an investigation, unless the PSC determines that it is not required. It would also prohibit a supplier from switching a customer’s rate for electricity or gas supply from a fixed rate to a variable without first obtaining the customer’s written consent and prevent a supplier’s ability to assess a fee over \$50 for early termination of a contract.

Senate Bill 681 specifically requires information from an electric company that compares the electricity supplier’s rate to the applicable electric company’s standard offer service (SOS) rate. It also requires the electric company to calculate a comparison of the cost of electricity supply based on the customer’s monthly electricity usage with SOS and to list the price differences between the rates in a chart on the consumers electric bill. Senate Bill 681 would require electric companies to provide information to which electric companies do not have access.

Pepco and Delmarva Power support transparency in pricing and contract terms and note that COMAR includes provisions dedicated to consumer protection. However, electric companies are not able to comply with Senate Bill 681 because third-party suppliers serving in the Pepco and Delmarva Power service territories provide us with what we term “bill ready” information. This means that a third-party supplier provides Pepco and Delmarva Power with only the information necessary to bill a customer and does not provide the rate at which it has contracted with a customer. Accordingly, the electric company cannot provide information that compares rates, or list the price differences in rates as required by Senate Bill 681.

For the above reasons, Pepco and Delmarva Power respectfully request an unfavorable vote on Senate Bill 681.

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