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**FAVORABLE – Senate Bill 734
Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment for Multifamily Units Act**

Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco) and Delmarva Power & Light Company (Delmarva Power) support **Senate Bill 734 Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment for Multifamily Units Act**. Senate Bill 734 establishes a process for a Homeowner Association (HOA) governing body and an Electric Vehicle (EV) owner to collaborate on installation of EV charging station equipment. Senate Bill 734 mandates that the HOA or condo board process and evaluate an application to install EV charging equipment in the same manner as it does an approval of an architectural modification to the home or condominium. Aligning the application process for EV equipment with that of architectural modifications ensures that the application will be reviewed and seriously considered in a timely manner, which will encourage more EV owners to pursue installing recharging equipment.

In 2013, along with nine other states, Maryland signed a memorandum of understanding 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. Through this program Pepco provides Multifamily Properties a rebate of up to 50% on qualified charging equipment and 100% percent on installation costs of qualifying multifamily property owners or HOAs that install Level 2 smart chargers.

Encouraging the growth of EVs is critically important because transportation is the largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in Maryland. In summary, this bill is a common-sense approach to standardizing reasonable processes regarding the approval and installation of electric vehicle charging equipment in multifamily units. For the above reasons Pepco and Delmarva Power respectfully requests a favorable report on Senate Bill 734.

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