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## FAVORABLE - House Bill 94 State Vehicle Fleet - Conversion to Zero-Emission Electric Vehicles

Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco) and Delmarva Power & Light Company (Delmarva Power) support **House Bill 94 State Vehicle Fleet** – **Conversion to Zero-Emission Electric Vehicles**. House Bill 94 prohibits the State of Maryland from entering into contracts or leases on vehicles for the State's fleet that are not zero-emission electric vehicles.

In late 2021, the Maryland Commission on Climate Change (MCCC) recommended measures to help Maryland achieve its greenhouse gas emissions goal, including recommendations relating to transition to elective vehicles, given the transportation sector is now the largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in Maryland. The MCCC recommended state agencies identify and install charging infrastructure at state sites to support government owned vehicle electrification as well as identify fleet vehicles eligible for conversion. House Bill 94 is consistent with Maryland's greenhouse gas reduction goals and recommendations from the MCCC 2021Annual Report.

In 2019, Pepco and Delmarva Power launched a pilot program through our EVSmart Program, which supports efforts to increase utilization of electric vehicles and will help to reduce greenhouse gas reduction emissions. The EVSmart Program provides rebates, tools and information to help customers make more informed decisions to make the transition to a cleaner transportation option. As part of the EVSmart Program, Pepco and Delmarva Power have installed a total of 108 public EV chargers throughout Maryland, with a goal to install 350 EV chargers in our Maryland service area by 2024.

Encouraging the transition of Maryland's state fleet to zero-emission vehicles will encourage other owners of fleet vehicles to transition to electric vehicles and establish Maryland as a leader in EV fleet conversion. Indeed, Pepco and Delmarva Power have developed a Path to Clean in Maryland that includes a commitment to convert 25% of our passenger vehicles and compact SUVs to all electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles and medium and heavy-duty trucks to Plug-in Hybrid models by 2025, increasing conversions to 50% by 2030.

The state is also in a unique position to direct and ensure the necessary charging infrastructure is in place to meet the needs of an all-electric fleet, especially since many of its vehicles are located at various sites across the state. In order to support the deployment of all necessary charging infrastructure for its fleet, and since the state's fleet electrification will provide benefits to all

Marylanders, Pepco and Delmarva recommend a formal coordination process between impacted State entities and the electric company in each distribution territory to plan and coordinate necessary charging infrastructure.

For the above reasons Pepco and Delmarva Power support House Bill 94 and respectfully request a favorable committee report.

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