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Support – House Bill 468: Commission to Advance Lithium–Ion Battery Safety in Maryland

Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco) and Delmarva Power & Light Company (Delmarva Power) support **House Bill 468: Commission to Advance Lithium–Ion Battery Safety in Maryland**. House Bill 468 establishes a Commission to advance lithium-ion battery safety in Maryland. The Commission created by House Bill 468 is required to study and make legislative, regulatory, programmatic, or other recommendations related to best practices and guidelines for lithium-ion batteries.

Pepco and Delmarva Power evaluate new technologies and services regularly to build a smarter, reliable energy grid to withstand the impacts of climate change and ensure our customers have reliable service. Energy storage systems provide benefits to the electric grid and utility customers by enabling the transition to a clean grid through distributed renewable resources. Additionally, energy storage systems can create system efficiencies that can reduce costs and save money for utilities and customers, bolster grid reliability and resilience, improve system capabilities to withstand shocks and stressors and promote economic development and job creation in Maryland communities.

The creation of the Commission to Advance Lithium-Ion Battery Safety in Maryland will help assist in bringing stakeholders together to continue work to ensure that the increased usage of batteries in the clean energy transition occurs in a safe and well thought out manner, using best practices and incorporating lessons learned. Pepco and Delmarva Power appreciate the inclusion of a member of a public utility on the Commission to further enhance our learnings as we continue to envision battery storage as a technology to bring benefits to our customers.

For the reasons stated, Pepco and Delmarva Power respectfully request a favorable report on House Bill 468.

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