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Letter of Information: House Bill 1028 - Business Regulation – Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment – Regulations for Retail Use

Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco) and Delmarva Power & Light Company (Delmarva Power) submit this letter of information on **House Bill 1028 - Business Regulation – Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment – Regulations for Retail Use**. House Bill 1028 requires the Comptroller to adopt regulations for the retail use of electric vehicle (EV) supply equipment in the State. The regulations must comply with the Federal Highway Administration’s National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program and provide a delayed applicability date for EV supply equipment installed before the date the regulations are initially adopted.

Maryland has adopted a goal of 300,000 zero-emission vehicles on the road by 2025 to help achieve statewide greenhouse gas reduction goals. Pepco and Delmarva Power are an active partner in the effort, and we appreciate this bill’s intent to ensure consistent reliability standards for publicly available electric vehicle charging stations across Maryland.

The Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (ZEEVIC) is charged with formulating an action plan to successfully integrate EVs into the State’s transportation network, among other duties. ZEEVIC and the Maryland Public Service Commission’s (PSC) Electric Vehicle Workgroup are actively working on electric vehicle reliability standards and infrastructure challenges. In January, the PSC issued an order to define reliability standards for utility-owned electric vehicle charging stations. Pepco and Delmarva Power submitted a business and reliability plan that addresses those standards. If this legislation were to pass as drafted, the requirement of the Comptroller’s Office to adopt additional regulations may usurp the work the ZEEVIC and the PSC are currently undertaking, creating inconsistencies.

Pepco and Delmarva Power are committed to helping Maryland achieve its electric vehicle goals and hope this letter of information is helpful. We look forward to continuing conversations with the bill sponsor and all stakeholders involved.

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