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OPPOSE – House Bill 742 – Public Utilities - Solar Energy Generating Stations - Eminent Domain

Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco) and Delmarva Power & Light Company (Delmarva Power) respectfully oppose **House Bill 742 – Public Utilities - Solar Energy Generating Stations - Eminent Domain**. House Bill 742 prohibits a person constructing a solar energy generating station from exercising a right of condemnation in connection with the construction of solar energy generating stations. Pepco and Delmarva Power are concerned that this legislation has the potential to impact Maryland ratepayers economically, impede progress in addressing regional resource adequacy challenges, and jeopardize the State's net-zero goals.

House Bill 742 introduces new obstacles for the construction of solar energy generating projects, thereby potentially undermining the ability to meet the states clean energy goals. As energy demand continues to rise due to electrification and the transition to cleaner energy sources, it is crucial that we remain focused on working towards reaching these goals.

Pepco and Delmarva Power are committed to supporting and advancing Maryland's clean energy and climate goals, with a focus on equitable and affordable solutions. For the reasons stated, Pepco and Delmarva Power respectfully oppose House Bill 742 and request an unfavorable report.

Pepco Holdings, the parent company of Pepco, an electric utility serving Washington, D.C., and suburban Maryland; Delmarva Power, an electric and gas utility serving Delaware and portions of the Delmarva Peninsula; and Atlantic City Electric, an electric utility serving southern New Jersey. Anthony and his team are responsible for guiding the company's delivery of reliable and excellent service to more than two million customers in the Mid-Atlantic. Pepco Holdings is a subsidiary of Exelon Corporation, one of the nation's leading energy services companies.

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