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OPPOSE – Senate Bill 955 – Overhead Transmission Lines - Eminent Domain

Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco) and Delmarva Power & Light Company (Delmarva Power) respectfully oppose **Senate Bill 955 – Overhead Transmission Lines – Eminent Domain**. Senate Bill 955 prohibits a person constructing an overhead transmission line from exercising a right of condemnation to acquire property encumbered by a conservation easement. It authorizes the owners of property that is used for residential or agricultural purposes to bring an action for damages incurred as a result of a condemnation proceeding. It also requires that counsel fees be awarded to the defendant in a condemnation proceeding and that court cost are charged to the plaintiff.

The purpose of the electric transmission system is to move electricity efficiently, to eliminate congestion or traffic jams and deliver electricity where customers need it. Pepco and Delmarva Power's transmission system consists of thousands of structures that move high-voltage electricity from power sources to Pepco and Delmarva Power substations where the electric supply is managed and then moved along the distribution system until ultimately it is safely and reliably delivered to homes and businesses.

Pepco and Delmarva Power are concerned that this legislation introduces new obstacles for the construction of important transmission projects, ultimately impeding the progress in addressing regional resource adequacy challenges. Additionally, it could have a significant indirect impact on future energy and capacity prices, ultimately increasing cost for consumers.

For these reasons, Pepco and Delmarva Power respectfully oppose Senate Bill 955.

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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