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Support – Senate Bill 553 Commission to Advance Lithium-Ion Battery Safety in Maryland - Reestablishment

Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco) and Delmarva Power & Light Company (Delmarva Power) support **Senate Bill 553 Commission to Advance Lithium-Ion Battery Safety in Maryland - Reestablishment**. The legislation reestablishes the Commission to advance lithium-ion battery safety in Maryland. The Commission is required to study and make legislative, regulatory, programmatic, or other recommendations related to best practices and guidelines for lithium-ion batteries. By December 1, 2026, the commission must submit an interim report on the progress and status of the commission to the Legislative Policy Committee. By December 1, 2027, the commission must report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

Pepco and Delmarva Power are constantly evaluating new technologies and services 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 with distributed renewable resources. Additionally, energy storage systems 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.

Pepco and Delmarva Power appreciate the value that the Commission to Advance Lithium-Ion Battery Safety in Maryland has provided to help bring stakeholders together and work collaboratively 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 Senate Bill 553.

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