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Maryland Public Service Commission
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Dear Members of the Public Service Commission:

As there has been no sufficient evidence or proof produced by Pepco that it has made any significant improvements and advancements in its service and reliability to consumers, I respectfully urge you to deny Pepco's recent application for a rate increase. We have also not seen any increases in investments made to strengthen Pepco's infrastructures and communications systems that are not only critical in its ability to provide the very basic services, but also effectively perform in and respond to any future storms.

Still fresh in the memory of my constituents and I, is Pepco's poor performance and response during the derecho storm that left countless families, the elderly, and some of our most vulnerable individuals in darkness, dangerously high heat, with no telephone or internet service, and spoiled food for well over a week. While the derecho storm was a strong storm, previous experiences with other severe storms should have made Pepco more prepared and able to effectively respond. In addition, Pepco should not be rewarding itself for its performance during Hurricane Sandy, as this storm did not impact Maryland with the same devastation as it did New York and New Jersey. Moreover, even during non-storm periods, my constituents continue to report regular "blue sky" outages.

Pepco must demonstrate it has made meaningful and significant progress in its performance and reliability before any rate increase is granted. As such, I urge you to deny Pepco's recent application to increase rates.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan C. Lee".

Susan C. Lee