

Resolution No.: 17-1079
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**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Councilmembers Berliner, Andrews, Branson, Elrich, Leventhal, Navarro, Riemer

SUBJECT: Resolution to urge Maryland Public Service Commission to utilize its complete authority and discretion when reviewing the sale of PEPCO to Exelon Corporation

Background

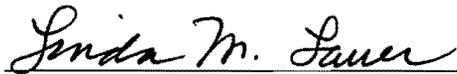
1. On April 30, 2014, it was announced that Exelon had agreed to purchase Pepco for \$6.83 billion.
2. This purchase is subject to approvals by a number of federal and state regulatory agencies, including the Maryland Public Service Commission.
3. The Maryland Public Service Commission's most fundamental responsibility is to ensure that monopoly providers of electricity distribution provide high quality service at reasonable rates.
4. The quality of electric service is critical to the quality of life in Montgomery County.
5. Montgomery County residents have long suffered from unacceptably poor electric distribution service, including service that ranked in the lowest quartile nationally for five years in a row.
6. Poor electric reliability poses an unacceptable threat to public health, public safety, the public welfare, and our county's competitiveness in the region.
7. While Pepco's service has improved recently, it is far from being a top performing utility.
8. Montgomery County residents expect and deserve a top performing utility.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

The Montgomery County Council calls upon the Maryland Public Service Commission to exercise its authority on behalf of Montgomery County residents and to require, as a condition of approval of the sale of Pepco to Exelon, should the Commission find the sale in the public interest, that Exelon provide substantial ratepayer benefits, including, but not limited to, quality of service equivalent to a top quartile utility within 3 years, and that cost recovery for investments necessary to achieve that outcome be tied to performance.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council