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## Via E-filing

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

RE: Petition of PECO Energy Company for Approval of its Default Service Plan, Docket No. P-2012-2283641

Dear Secretary Chiavetta,

This letter responds to the May 11, 2016 Secretarial Letter in this docket. In this letter, PECO Energy Company ("PECO" or the "Company") sets forth its plans for complying with the directives contained in that Secretarial Letter as they relate to implementing shopping for PECO's Customer Assistance Program ("CAP") Customers.

The Secretarial Letter implements the July 14, 2015 decision of the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania with respect to PECO's CAP Shopping Plan. The Court's decision: (1) affirmed the Commission's Order rejecting a price ceiling on Electric Generation Suppliers (EGSs) that wished to participate in the PECO CAP Shopping Program; (2) reversed the portions of the Orders which rejected a rule that would prohibit CAP participants from entering into any contract with an EGS that imposes early cancellation/termination fees; and (3) remanded the matter back to the Commission with instructions that the Commission approve a rule revision to the PECO CAP Shopping Plan that would impose such a prohibition of early cancellation/termination fees.<sup>1</sup> (Several parties, including the Commission, requested the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to have further proceedings on this matter, but the Supreme Court denied allocatur on April 5, 2016.)

The Commission's Secretarial Letter directed PECO to file a "proposed rule revision" to its CAP Shopping Plan that will implement the Commonwealth Court's Order.<sup>2</sup> The Secretarial letter directed PECO to make its filing in its DSP III docket (P-2014-2409362). The Secretarial Letter states that PECO's filing is to include the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Coalition for Affordable Utility Services and Energy Efficiency in Pennsylvania, et al. v. Pa. PUC, 1020 A.3d 1087, 1104 (2015).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> PECO's DSP III for June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2017 was approved by Commission Order at P-2014-2409362. PECO's proposed DSP IV for June 1, 2017, through May 31, 2019 was filed March 17, 2016, at P-2016-2534980.

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following: (1) proposed language of the rule; (2) a proposed timeline and effective date; and (3) a proposed plan to collect data upon which to base an analysis of the CAP shopping program experiences, evaluations, and recommendations. PECO's filing will be subject to public comment and final review and approval by the Commission.

PECO is currently reviewing the operational implications of the Commonwealth Court's Order and revising its CAP Shopping Plan to implement that Order. Based on its analysis thus far, PECO expects to file the proposed rule revision by September 1, 2016. PECO currently anticipates that it will recommend implementation of CAP Shopping, with the Commonwealth Court Order integrated into the CAP Shopping plan, during the first quarter of 2017, which is within the DSP III operational period.

PECO will also adhere to the requirements made in the PUC Order dated January 9, 2014 which states:

- PECO must file tariff supplements, including a revised Electric Generation Supplier Coordination Tariff, which reflect the following revisions, or as otherwise set forth in this Opinion and Order.
- 2. PECO shall convene a collaborative of interested stakeholders and the Commission's Office of Competitive Market Oversight and Office of Communications to address the specific components of the education plan associated with the Customer Assistance Program customer shopping.
- 3. PECO, in consultation with the Commission's Office of Competitive Market Oversight and Bureau of Consumer Services, shall submit semi-annual reports to the Commission that reflect the net benefits of allowing Customer Assistance Program customers to purchase their generation supply from electric generation suppliers. PECO will work with EGSs to compile and include those benefits, services, and incentives provided to CAP customers that are not reflected in PECO's bills.

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PECO looks forward to working with all stakeholders to enable its CAP customers full access to the benefits of the competitive electric retail market.

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Sincerely

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## BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

PETITION OF PECO ENERGY COMPANY :

Docket No. P-2012-2283641

FOR APPROVAL OF ITS DEFAULT

**SERVICE PLAN** 

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify and affirm that I have this day served a copy of the Response of PECO

Energy Company ("PECO") to the May 11, 2016 Secretarial Letter regarding PECO's

Customer Assistance Program Shopping Plan on the following persons in the matter specified

in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54:

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