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Dear Ms. Perry,

As you know, on March 29, 2018, PECO Energy Company filed a request with the Public Utility Commission to increase the rates the company charges its electric service customers. Subsequently, the Office of Consumer Advocate filed a formal complaint, prompting the PUC to suspend the proposed rate increase pending a thorough investigation of PECO's request.

The Office of Consumer Advocate has indicated it will request that the PUC schedule public input hearings as part of the investigation. I would like one public input hearing to be conducted in the 2nd Senatorial District, specifically at the Devon theater and concert hall at 6325 Frankford Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19135. Kingdom Life Christian Center is the owner and operator of this 450-seat, state-of-the-art performing arts facility in the city's Mayfair section.

I have been in contact with leaders of the Kingdom Life Christian Center and the Mayfair Business Improvement District, who have each expressed their enthusiasm for ensuring that a public input hearing at this location will be a success. The venue is at the center of a thriving business corridor surrounded by a dense urban residential community. The merchants and residents of the area will have a strong interest in this proposed electric service rate increase. A hearing at the Devon would directly serve ZIP codes 19135 and 19149, as well as many nearby ZIP codes including 19124, 19136 and 19152.

The Devon is a local landmark that originated as a single-screen movie house in the mid-20th century. In 2002, the Mayfair Community Development Corporation bought the theater and began a \$4 million modernization of the facility financed by federal, state and city grants, as well as corporate and private donations. Kingdom Life acquired the property in December 2014 and has a standing agreement with the Mayfair Civic Association to allow community use of the facility for public performances and other functions.

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I believe that the Devon meets all technological and accessibility needs for a public input hearing. I have been assured that Kingdom Life has standing agreements with neighboring businesses and with the Ethan Allen School to provide off-street parking. On-street parking is also available.

In my discussions with leaders of Kingdom Life and the Mayfair BID, we have agreed to recommend that the hearing be scheduled for a Thursday evening.

The facility representative for Kingdom Life is Linda Greer. She may be contacted at 267-879-1695 or kngdml@aol.com. Please don't hesitate to contact my office if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,



Christine M. Tartaglione  
State Senator

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