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**DIRECT TESTIMONY
SUPPORTING PECO'S PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF
ITS INITIAL DYNAMIC PRICING AND CUSTOMER
ACCEPTANCE PLAN**

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**SUBJECT: METHODODOLOGY USED TO
 DERIVE DYNAMIC PRICING
 RATE DESIGNS**

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1 3. Q. What is the purpose of your direct testimony?

2 A. The purpose of my testimony is to describe the methodology that was used to derive
3 the dynamic pricing rate designs that are being recommended for deployment in
4 PECO Energy Company's ("PECO's") Initial Dynamic Pricing and Customer
5 Acceptance Plan ("Plan"). There is a wide range of dynamic pricing rate designs
6 which could be offered by PECO, and each option brings with it a unique set of
7 advantages and disadvantages. Carefully selected and well designed rates can satisfy
8 a broad range of objectives and provide customers with significant incentives to
9 participate and benefit. In my testimony, I will lay out that rate selection and design
10 process.

11 4. Q. What are the basic conclusions of your testimony?

12 A. I conclude that there are two types of dynamic pricing rates that PECO should offer to
13 customers in its Plan. The first, called a critical peak pricing ("CPP") rate, provides
14 customers with an opportunity to lower their electricity bill by reducing usage during
15 a limited number of hours on "event" days when peak demand reductions are most
16 valuable from a power system perspective. The second rate is a simple Time-of-Use
17 ("TOU") rate, designed to encourage permanent load shifting away from high priced
18 hours during every weekday.

1 **5. Q. How is your testimony organized?**

2 A. The remainder of my testimony is organized into five sections. The first section
3 describes the rate screening and selection process. The second section provides detail
4 on how the recommended rates were designed. The third section includes projections
5 of how, on average, participating customers will change their usage profiles in
6 response to the new rates. The fourth section provides a detailed look at how
7 customer bills will be affected when customers enroll in the new rates. Finally, the
8 fifth section provides a summary of my basic conclusions and recommendations.

9 **6. Q. Have you prepared exhibits to accompany your testimony?**

10 A. Yes. I have provided a series of exhibits to graphically illustrate key aspects of my
11 testimony. They are included as PECO Exhibits AF-1 through AF-21.

12 **II. EVALUATING DYNAMIC PRICING RATE OPTIONS**

13 **7. Q. What were the steps you took in arriving at the recommended dynamic pricing**
14 **rate options?**

15 A. The first step was to identify the universe of possible rate options for consideration.
16 Then, criteria were established for evaluating these options against the objectives of
17 the Plan. Each rate option was subjectively screened against these criteria based on
18 existing research and my own judgment and experience developing these rates for
19 other utilities across North America. Based on this initial screening, prototypes of the
20 more attractive rate options were developed and presented at a series of stakeholder

1 meetings. Stakeholder feedback was incorporated into the analysis, and the rate
2 prototypes were refined to arrive at the final recommendations.

3 **8. Q. Which dynamic pricing rate designs were considered in your analysis?**

4 A. My analysis began by considering a broad spectrum of time-varying rates, ranging
5 from a TOU rate to what is called a critical-peak real-time pricing (“CP-RTP”) rate
6 structure (which couples hourly price variation with strong price signals during event
7 periods). Descriptions of each rate type are provided in PECO Exhibit AF-1. These
8 rates have many distinguishing features, such as the type of price signal they provide
9 (higher peak price versus rebate payment for load curtailment), the granularity of the
10 pricing periods (two periods, three periods, or hourly), and the frequency of the
11 pricing periods (every weekday versus during a limited number of days in the
12 summer).

13 **9. Q. What criteria did you use to evaluate these rate designs?**

14 A. Five key criteria were established to determine whether the rates were consistent with
15 PECO’s corporate goals and in the best interest of its customers. These criteria are as
16 follows:

- 17 1. Simplicity and ease of understanding: Will customers be able to quickly
18 understand the rate? Is it actionable?;
- 19 2. Customer value proposition: Does the rate provide customers with a significant
20 bill savings opportunity?;

1 3. Retail-wholesale market connection: Does the rate tie the structure directly to the
2 wholesale market; are rates developed consistently with how the Company is
3 procuring power through its approved default service plan?;

4 4. Incentive to reduce peak demand: Is the rate expected to produce significant
5 reductions in peak demand?; and

6 5. Incentive for permanent load shifting: Will the rate encourage customers to
7 permanently shift load from higher cost hours to lower cost hours?

8 **10. Q. What conclusions did you reach based on your evaluation of the array of time**
9 **varying-rates?**

10 A. Each rate design was subjectively evaluated against the five criteria. The evaluation
11 used a score of “high,” “medium,” or “low” to represent how well the rates met each
12 of the criteria. The foundation for the scores was an intuitive understanding of each
13 rate design based on my experience designing and evaluating these rates for utilities
14 in the Northeast and across North America and is supported by published research on
15 the topic. PECO Exhibit AF-2 summarizes the results of the evaluation of the most
16 attractive rate options.

17 My evaluation identified four rate designs that initially appeared to do the best job of
18 meeting PECO’s objectives for the Plan. These are CPP, CPP-TOU, peak time
19 rebates (“PTR”), and CP-RTP. The CPP rate would provide a strong demand
20 response signal and, therefore create significant bill savings opportunities for
21 customers. The CPP-TOU provides a similar demand response signal and also

1 includes a TOU component that would incentivize permanent load shifting and
2 further bill reduction opportunities. The CP-RTP also provides similar opportunities
3 for bill reduction. Finally, the PTR is an attractive alternative in the sense that it
4 cannot lead to bill increases relative to the existing rate.

5 Further examination of these rate options led to a preliminary conclusion that both
6 CPP and CPP-TOU be included in the Plan as the best candidates for testing customer
7 response and acceptance. While the CP-RTP would provide the most granularity by
8 offering hourly prices, hourly price variation likely entails too much uncertainty and
9 risk for residential and smaller commercial customers who have been enrolled in flat
10 rates for decades.

11 An analysis of the PTR suggested that, while it serves as a form of bill protection, the
12 design inherently includes a number of implementation challenges that stem from the
13 need to estimate an individual baseline usage level for every participant in order to
14 calculate the participant's rebate amount. All baseline estimation methods are only an
15 approximation and would ultimately result in some level of free-riding (when
16 customers are paid rebates in the absence of any change in behavior), and this would
17 have to be funded by non-participants. CPP and CPP-TOU rates do not present these
18 issues.

19 **11. Q. Have your recommendations changed due to stakeholder input?**

20 **A.** Yes. The rates were presented at a series of stakeholder meetings to solicit feedback
21 on the rate designs, particularly with respect to the perceived attractiveness of the rate

1 structures to customers. Some stakeholders felt that there were significant customer
2 acceptance barriers if only dynamic rate structures with a critical peak pricing
3 (“CPP”) component were offered. They further suggested that just offering a TOU
4 would be a good first step into dynamic pricing because the simplicity of the TOU
5 rate is more attractive. To address the concerns of the stakeholders and maintain a
6 program design that evaluates both moderate and strong price signals, we decided to
7 replace the original CPP-TOU option with a TOU structure. The resultant offering
8 has the benefit of providing a load shifting incentive in the TOU rate and a demand
9 response incentive in the CPP rate. Including both a CPP and a TOU in the Plan
10 design allows for a beneficial comparison of which design is more attractive to
11 customers. For example, do customers like the simplicity of the TOU or will they be
12 more receptive to the potential for greater bill savings on the CPP? These questions
13 will be answered through the Plan’s implementation.

14 **12. Q. What rate or rates will be offered to commercial and industrial customers?**

15 A. Small and medium commercial and industrial customers (“S/MC&I”) will be offered
16 the CPP rate only.¹ PECO anticipates that a relatively small number of these
17 customers will be available for testing dynamic rates because the population that will
18 receive smart meters is relatively small to begin with and many of these customers are
19 likely to shop (i.e., not take default service from PECO). As such, the number of

¹ As explained in the direct testimony of Frank Jiruska (PECO Statement No. 1), pursuant to PECO’s approved Default Service Plan, large commercial and industrial customers (those with demand greater than 500 kW) will already be offered a dynamic rate structure starting January 1, 2011, namely, hourly pricing. *See Petition of PECO Energy Company for Approval Of Its Default Service Program And Rate Mitigation Plan*, Docket No. P-2008-2062739 (Order entered June 2, 2009).

1 options that can be tested among S/MC&I customers is quite limited. Mr. Jiruska
2 further explains PECO's reasoning for selecting the CPP rate in his testimony.

3 III. DESIGNING DYNAMIC PRICING RATES

4 **13. Q. What are the basic steps you used to develop the CPP and TOU rates?**

5 A. First, I relied on PECO system data to determine the definitions of seasons and peak
6 periods that would optimize the impacts of the rates. Then, using best practices in
7 rate design that I have developed and observed working with utilities around North
8 America, I established prices for each period of the rate. The rates are designed to be
9 cost-based and revenue neutral for each customer class. I designed a CPP and TOU
10 rate for the residential class and only a CPP rate for the small commercial (less than
11 100 kW of demand) and medium commercial (between 100 kW and 500 kW of
12 demand) customer classes.

13 **14. Q. How did you determine the summer season for the rates?**

14 A. For the purpose of designing dynamic pricing rates, the summer season should
15 include the months when system load and energy prices are highest. Because the
16 critical events (e.g. highest price periods) will occur in these summer months, it is
17 important to communicate to customers the need to reduce usage during these
18 months, which, in turn, would lead to lower system load and lower energy prices
19 during those times. PECO's existing tariff already includes a seasonal component,
20 with the summer months defined as June through September. After examining recent
21 hourly PECO system loads and locational marginal prices ("LMPs"), I concluded that

1 this current definition reasonably captures the months with the highest load and
2 LMPs. *See* PECO Exhibits AF-3 and AF-4. Therefore, the same four-month summer
3 definition was maintained in the CPP design and, as a consequence; the critical event
4 days can only be called during the summer months. The TOU rate, on the other hand,
5 is designed on a year-round basis. This design increases understanding and simplicity
6 for the customer.

7 **15. Q. How did you determine the timing of the peak period for each rate?**

8 A. System load and energy prices were also used to determine the most effective peak
9 period for the rates. In each summer month, the hours between 2 pm and 6 pm tend
10 to have the highest system loads. Similarly, the LMPs appear to be higher during
11 these four hours of the day, although with more variation. *See* PECO Exhibits AF-5
12 and AF-6. Given these observations, the peak period was defined as 2 pm to 6 pm on
13 non-holiday summer weekdays. This peak period applies during the critical peak
14 event days of the CPP as well as the peak periods of the TOU. While likely to
15 coincide with the highest demand and highest priced hours on the system, a four hour
16 peak period is still sufficiently short to provide customers with the capability of
17 shifting load to lower-priced (off-peak) hours.

18 **16. Q. How did you set the prices for each rate class?**

19 A. In developing the prices for each rate class, I observed several important principles in
20 dynamic pricing rate design. For example, I designed each rate to be revenue neutral.
21 Revenue neutrality means that, in the absence of any change in customer behavior,

1 PECO's revenues would be unaffected by the new rate (relative to revenues that
2 would have been generated under the existing rate). For both rates, the off-peak
3 prices were calculated algebraically to provide a discount from the existing rate that
4 offsets the higher peak period price and ensures revenue neutrality.

5 I also designed the rates to be cost-based. For both rate designs, the peak (or critical
6 peak) period prices reflect the marginal cost of capacity during those hours. The 2012
7 capacity price is \$140 per MW-day, which translates into roughly \$51 per kW-year.
8 For the CPP rate, this cost was spread out over the 60 critical peak hours of the year,
9 leading to a marginal capacity cost of 85 cents per kWh. This cost was allocated to
10 the critical peak hours only, since it is the peak load that drives the need for new
11 capacity. To attain the critical peak rate, this capacity cost was added to the energy
12 portion of the existing generation charge, a transparent calculation that is relatively
13 easy to explain to customers.

14 The calculation of the TOU rate depends on both the forward prices and the cost of
15 capacity. First, a temporary, revenue neutral TOU rate was created to match the ratio
16 found in the forward prices. At this point, the rate was made revenue neutral relative
17 to the existing generation charge, less the capacity portion. Then, similar to the CPP
18 rate, the capacity cost was spread evenly over all 1,044 peak hours, creating a
19 marginal capacity cost of 5 cents per kWh, which was added to the peak rate. The
20 off-peak rate was adjusted to offset the peak price increase and maintain revenue
21 neutrality relative to the entire generation charge. Using this methodology, the
22 expected energy and capacity costs are reflected in the peak price.

1 Finally, the seasonal factors were considered. Each rate applies year-round, but the
2 critical events of the CPP can only occur during the summer season, when the highest
3 system load hours are likely to occur. The year-round discount embodied in each rate
4 provides an added benefit to the residential heating customers, who tend to have
5 higher loads in the winter months. The calculations are described in detail in
6 Appendix A to my testimony.

7 **17. Q. Do the prices in your illustrative rate designs reflect the cost of PECO's direct**
8 **purchases?**

9 A. Yes. I have developed the rates such that they are directly based on PECO's forward
10 purchases of energy and capacity. The peak-to-off-peak price differential of the TOU
11 rate is derived from PECO's forward market purchases. For both rate designs, the
12 peak price also reflects the cost of generating capacity in the 2012 PJM capacity
13 auction. Using a methodology such as the one I have described, PECO could
14 regularly update the rate design as their procurement costs change in order to
15 maintain a direct link to market prices. See Appendix A to my testimony for a
16 detailed example.

17 **18. Q. Please describe the final CPP and TOU rates you developed.**

18 A. First, it should be noted that my calculations are intended only to provide an
19 illustrative picture of how the rates might look when deployed. While the
20 methodological approach would remain unchanged in practice, the underlying costs

1 are likely to change with the dynamics of the market and, therefore, the absolute
2 prices will likely be different during the Plan's rollout.

3 The CPP rate features a higher-than-average critical peak price during the four-hour
4 peak period on event days (to be called 15 days per summer²) and a discounted off-
5 peak rate for the other hours of the year. The critical peak price is 100.9 cents per
6 kilowatt-hour for the residential class. The off-peak rate, which customers see in the
7 remaining 8,700 hours of the year, is 15.6 cents per kilowatt-hour, a non-trivial
8 discount from an assumed default rate of 16.5 cents/kWh. During the non-summer
9 months, the customers on this rate see only the off-peak discount. The residential
10 CPP rate is illustrated in PECO Exhibits AF-7 and AF-8. The non-residential CPP
11 rates are very similar, but with slightly different off-peak discounts due to differences
12 in the class load shapes.

13 The TOU rate is composed of a moderate peak rate of \$0.241 per kWh during 1,044
14 hours of the year with a small off-peak discount during the other hours. The ratio of
15 the all-in peak rate to the all-in off-peak rate is 1.56, which reflects the ratio found in
16 the forward prices as well as the additional capacity cost during peak hours, as
17 discussed above. The year-round off-peak price provides an additional financial
18 benefit to the residential heating customers who tend to consume more electricity
19 during the winter months. An illustration of the TOU rate is provided in PECO
20 Exhibits AF-9.

² PECO will call event days utilizing a similar algorithm that will be used to call the 100 highest hours to comply with Act 129's load reduction requirements.

1 **IV. SIMULATING CUSTOMER RESPONSE TO DYNAMIC PRICING RATES**

2 **19. Q. Is there evidence that customers change electricity usage behavior when enrolled**
3 **in rates such as those that you have developed for PECO?**

4 A. Yes. Once PECO's customers are enrolled in the new dynamic pricing rates, they
5 will likely change their pattern of electricity consumption because the rates will
6 provide a strong incentive to curtail usage during peak hours and shift some or all of
7 that usage to lower-priced off-peak hours. This behavior has been observed in
8 experimental pricing pilots conducted across the U.S. and internationally. I have
9 designed, evaluated, or surveyed 17 such pricing pilots conducted on three continents
10 over the past decade. These pilots included more than 20,000 customers and tested
11 70 different combinations of dynamic pricing rates and enabling technologies. The
12 results of each pilot showed that customers are responsive to time-varying rates.

13 Participants in these pilots described a number of ways in which they changed their
14 usage patterns in response to the dynamic pricing rates. Residential customers said
15 they delayed using certain appliances until after the event period had concluded or
16 changed their behavior based on general awareness of inefficient practices, (e.g.,
17 leaving lights on in unoccupied rooms). C&I customers said they installed more
18 efficient equipment, made industrial processes more energy efficient, and, in some
19 cases, even modified hours of operation.³

20 **20. Q. Have you estimated customer response to the CPP and TOU rates?**

³ Compiled from several reports on end-of-pilot customer surveys conducted during the California Statewide Pricing Pilot.

1 A. Yes. I have developed projections of changes in electricity usage behavior for the
2 average residential customer on the CPP and TOU rates as well as the average small
3 commercial and medium commercial customer on the CPP rate.

4 **21. Q. Please describe your process for predicting customer response.**

5 A. To simulate customer response to each of PECO's dynamic pricing rate designs, I
6 relied on the Price Impact Simulation Model ("PRISM"). The PRISM software
7 captures the actual responses of thousands of customers on dynamic pricing rates
8 during several recent pricing experiments across North America and formed the basis
9 for the FERC assessment noted in my response to Question 2. The responses from
10 these experiments are tailored specifically to PECO's system characteristics and
11 dynamic pricing rate designs to produce likely estimates of load shape impacts for the
12 average PECO residential, small commercial and medium commercial customer.

13 PRISM simulates two distinct impacts on customer usage patterns. The first is called
14 the "substitution effect," which captures a customer's decision to shift usage from
15 higher priced peak periods to lower priced off-peak periods. The second impact is
16 called the "daily effect" and captures the overall change in usage (i.e. conservation or
17 load building) that is induced by differences in the average daily price of the new rate
18 relative to the existing rate. The magnitude of these impacts depends on the structure
19 of the dynamic pricing rate that is being tested, as well as a number of factors that
20 influence the relative price responsiveness of a utility's customers (such as weather,
21 central air conditioning ("CAC") saturation, or presence of enabling technologies).

1 For example, higher peak-to-off-peak price differentials produce greater reductions in
2 peak demand.

3 The elasticities used to estimate customer response in PECO's service territory are
4 from recent dynamic pricing pilots. For residential customers, elasticity estimates are
5 from Baltimore Gas and Electric Company ("BGE"). BGE and PECO have roughly
6 comparable CAC saturations, similarly urban service territories, geographic locations
7 east of the Rockies (indicating higher summer humidity than the Western U.S.), and
8 similarities in the rate designs being evaluated. Due to these similarities, the
9 elasticities from BGE's pilot serve as the basis for simulating PECO residential
10 customer response. For S/MC&I customers, elasticities from the California Statewide
11 Pricing Pilot ("SPP") were used. The SPP was conducted over multiple years and
12 tested the price responsiveness of S/MC&I customers similar in size to PECO's small
13 commercial and medium commercial classes. Generally, S/MC&I customers are
14 found to be less responsive than residential customers in terms of the percent of load
15 that is shifted or curtailed, but these classes have still exhibited significant levels of
16 price responsiveness.

17 PECO Exhibit AF-10 illustrates the PRISM modeling framework, starting first with
18 the basic model inputs and then identifying how these influence the drivers of the
19 model results, which are a function of the substitution and daily effects.

20 **22. Q. What are the results of your simulations of changes in usage during event**
21 **periods?**

1 A. The PRISM simulations suggest that the CPP and TOU rates will provide sufficient
2 incentives to induce consumption changes among PECO's customers. For both rates,
3 significant reductions in critical peak demand are expected. The simulations predict
4 that the residential class will reduce critical peak demand by 16 percent under the
5 CPP rate and 4 percent under the TOU rate. The S/MC&I classes will have peak
6 reductions in the 9 percent to 10 percent range. The results for each class are
7 illustrated in PECO Exhibit AF-11.

8 **23. Q. What are the results of your simulations of changes in usage during non-event**
9 **peak periods?**

10 A. Recall that during non-event peak hours, the CPP rate consists of the discounted off-
11 peak rate while the TOU rate maintains the moderate peak price. Given these
12 designs, the TOU rate is expected to produce permanent load shifting away from all
13 peak hours of the year, not just on event days. The PRISM simulations suggest that
14 the residential class will shift 4% of its peak period load away from non-critical peak
15 hours when enrolled in the TOU rate. On the CPP rate, all three classes are expected
16 to increase non-event peak load slightly (roughly 0.2%) due to the off-peak discount.
17 These results are shown in PECO Exhibit AF-12.

1 **V. UNDERSTANDING CUSTOMER BILL IMPACTS**

2 **24. Q. Have you estimated the impacts of these dynamic pricing rates on customer**
3 **electricity bills?**

4 A. Yes. I have simulated bill impacts for the average residential, small commercial and
5 medium commercial customers on both an annual and a seasonal basis. Additionally,
6 I have estimated the distribution of bill impacts across a representative sample of
7 PECO's customers in each of these classes.

8 To calculate each customer's expected bill change, I use their historical hourly usage
9 data (as provided to me by PECO) and calculated their bills using the existing rate
10 and the new rate. A comparison of these two calculations provides an estimate of the
11 bill change due only to the change in the rate structure. I then calculated the
12 customer's bill using the dynamic pricing rate and an hourly load profile that has been
13 modified to reflect the expected change in usage behavior that was produced using
14 the PRISM simulations.

15 **25. Q. How will annual bills change for the average customer?**

16 A. In the absence of any change in behavior, the class average customer's bill will
17 remain unchanged. This is because the dynamic pricing rates are designed to be
18 revenue neutral. However, after accounting for the projected level of customer
19 response to the new rates, I would expect the average customer's annual electricity
20 bill to decrease. For the residential customers, the CPP and TOU rates are expected
21 to lead to class average annual bill reductions of roughly 0.8% and 0.1%, respectively

1 with likely bill savings up to 4%. Due to a usage pattern with higher consumption
2 during the discounted winter months and off-peak hours, the residential heating
3 customers are expected to see even greater annual decreases. For the average
4 residential customer and the residential heating customer, the CPP rate provides a
5 greater opportunity for bill savings. The bill impacts are similar for the small
6 commercial and medium commercial classes on the CPP rate. These results are
7 shown in PECO Exhibit AF-13.

8 **26. Q. Will these bill impacts vary on a seasonal basis?**

9 A. Yes. Since critical days occur in the summer, the CPP bill impacts are not spread
10 evenly throughout the year. Thus, the expected bill impact is an increase in the four
11 summer months and a decrease in the eight non-summer months (averaging out to the
12 annual bill reductions shown previously). The average 4-month summer bill increase
13 on the CPP rate should be around 7% for the residential class, balanced out by a bill
14 decrease of 6% during the eight non-summer months. For the small commercial and
15 medium commercial classes, the summer bill increase could be as high as 11%, again
16 balanced out by bill decreases during the non-summer months. Due to the year-round
17 nature of the TOU rate, the bill impacts are close to zero for the average residential
18 customer in both seasons. Seasonal bill impacts for each class are illustrated in
19 PECO Exhibit AF-14.

20 **27. Q. Should all customers expect to see bill impacts similar to those of the average**
21 **customer?**

1 A. No. Analyzing the bill impacts for the average customer only tells part of the story.
2 Load profiles vary significantly across customers. Some customers tend to be
3 “peaky,” with more load during the peak hours of the day, while other customers tend
4 to have flatter load shapes. These different types of load shapes are illustrated in
5 PECO Exhibit AF-15.

6 **28. Q. What will be the range of possible bill impacts across PECO’s customers?**

7 A. The bill impact of a dynamic pricing rate is partly driven by the customer’s load
8 profile. Under dynamic pricing rates such as the CPP or TOU, customers with
9 higher-than-average load in the peak hours (“peaky” customers) will tend to
10 experience bill increases, while customers with flatter load shapes will tend to
11 experience bill decreases. In order to understand the range of potential bill impacts
12 for these types of customers, I simulated bill impacts for a representative sample of
13 PECO’s customers using the CPP and TOU rates. Before customers respond to the
14 rate, the most extreme bill impacts are as large as a six percent increase or decrease.
15 Roughly half of customers experience bill savings and the other half experience a bill
16 increase. These results are shown in PECO Exhibit AF-16. After residential
17 customers respond to the rate, roughly 63 percent would experience bill savings on
18 the CPP rate and 61% on the TOU rate, as shown in PECO Exhibit AF-17.

19 Residential Heating customers will be even better off. Due to the load shape of these
20 customers, even before any customer response, 73% of customers would experience
21 bill savings on the TOU rate and 91% would experience bill savings on the CPP rate.
22 After customer response, these numbers would increase with 85% of customers

1 experiencing savings on the TOU and 97% of customers experiencing savings on the
2 CPP.

3 A similar analysis was conducted for both small commercial and medium commercial
4 customers. Because there is significantly more diversity in load shapes within these
5 two customer classes, the potential range of bill impacts is larger. This is particularly
6 true for the small commercial class, in which some of the smallest customers also
7 have the peakiest load shapes. The results of the small commercial and medium
8 commercial bill impacts analysis are presented in PECO Exhibit AF-18 and AF-19,
9 respectively. After accounting for customer price response, roughly 51 percent of the
10 small commercial customers and 61 percent of the medium commercial customers
11 would experience bill savings.

12 **29. Q. Is there evidence that low income customers can respond to dynamic pricing**
13 **rates?**

14 A. Yes. Recent studies in California, Connecticut, Maryland, and Washington, D.C.
15 have found that low income customers do respond to dynamic pricing rates. In fact,
16 in some cases the Connecticut and Maryland pilots found that the average low-
17 income customer's response was the same as that of the average residential customer.
18 The low income response as compared to the average response from these studies is
19 shown in PECO Exhibit AF-20.⁴

⁴ Note that, in some cases, the "average" customer in the pilot is a combination of low income customers and the remaining sample of participants, because data are not available at the level of granularity necessary to separate the two classes.

1 30. Q. How would the rates that you have designed affect the bills of residential
2 customers enrolled in PECO's Customer Assistance Program ("CAP")?

3 A. Analysis shows that the current CAP discount that low income customers receive far
4 exceeds any potential savings that low income customers could achieve under
5 dynamic pricing rates. CAP E customers (those who qualify for the smallest
6 discount) would experience average bill increases of 24% and 26% with the CPP and
7 TOU rates, respectively, even after shifting their load. These results are shown in
8 PECO Exhibit AF-21. In light of this analysis, and as discussed by Mr. Jiruska,
9 PECO has decided that CAP customers will not be eligible for the Plan's dynamic
10 rates. PECO will, however, provide a random sampling of CAP customers with in-
11 home displays ("IHDs") and related educational materials in order to evaluate the
12 effect of near real time information feedback on their energy usage.

13 VI. CONCLUSION

14 31. Q. What are your final recommendations for PECO regarding the rates that should
15 be included in its Plan?

16 A. Through a combination of stakeholder input, expert judgment, and quantitative
17 evaluation, I have concluded that the CPP and TOU are the appropriate dynamic
18 pricing rates for PECO to offer in its Plan. An informed simulation of customer
19 response to these rate designs confirms that they will provide bill savings
20 opportunities for customers. Further, they are likely to produce significant reductions
21 in peak demand, which would provide benefits to default service customers through

1 the prices obtained in default service procurements. As proven through recent pricing
2 pilots, these rates are fairly simple for customers to understand (with some education)
3 and for the utility to implement. And, by providing a time-varying price signal that is
4 tied directly to system costs, the rates would provide a strong link to the wholesale
5 electricity markets.

6 **32. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

7 A. Yes, it does.

APPENDIX A

Developing the TOU & CPP Rates

I. TOU Rate for the Residential Class

There are four steps in developing a cost-based TOU rate that reflects future expectations of energy and capacity procurement costs.

First, “shape” the forward prices using historical LMPs. The “peak” and “off-peak” period definitions in the forward prices do not correspond to those periods as defined in the TOU rate. For example, the forward peak period is from 7 am to 11 pm on non-holiday weekdays and the TOU peak period is from 2 pm to 6 pm on non-holiday weekdays. To account for this difference, the forward prices are “shaped” using historical LMPs:

1. Calculate the average 5x16 forward price (\$58.28/MWh)
2. Using historical LMPs,¹ calculate the relationship of the average LMP during the TOU peak period to the average LMP during the 5x16 period (a ratio of 1.11-to-1)
3. Scale up the average 5x16 forward price using the factor developed in step 2 (resulting in an adjusted forward “peak” price of \$64.48/MWh)
4. Repeat this scaling process to also establish an adjusted off-peak forward price, using the average forward price for the non-5x16 hours and the associated LMPs (resulting in an adjusted “off-peak” forward price of \$45.32/MWh)

Second, calculate the ratio of the shaped peak and off-peak forward prices. The result is a peak-to-off-peak price ratio in the adjusted forward prices of 1.42-to-1.

Third, use this ratio to create the peak and off-peak prices of the TOU rate. At this stage, the revenue neutrality calculation is based on an assumed existing rate of 10 cents/kWh less the 0.58 cent capacity portion of this rate, or 9.42 cents/kWh.² The TOU prices are calculated using two constraints: (1) the TOU rate is revenue neutral to a 9.42 cents/kWh flat generation charge and (2) the peak to off-peak ratio of the TOU is the same as that calculated in the adjusted forward prices (1.42). There is a unique solution to this problem, and the resulting generation rates are:

Peak: \$0.127 per kWh

Off-Peak: \$0.090 per kWh

¹ We are currently using LMPs for the period between April 2008 and March 2009. Using other years of LMPs would not significantly change the analysis.

² To calculate the capacity portion of the 10 cent assumed existing rate, we divide \$51.03 kW-year by the 8760 hours of the year, which equals 0.58 cents.

Fourth, add the capacity adder to the peak price and adjust accordingly. The peak price must also reflect a capacity cost of \$51.03 kW-year.³ This is allocated evenly to the 1,044 peak hours of the TOU, resulting in peak price increase of roughly 5 cents per kWh. The off-peak rate is adjusted downward to offset the peak price increase and maintain revenue neutrality. Now, the revenue neutrality calculation is based off of the assumed existing rate of 10 cents/kWh, which includes both energy and capacity. The result is the following generation rates:

Peak: \$0.176 per kWh
Off-Peak: \$0.089 per kWh

With non-generation costs included, the all-in rates are:

Peak: \$0.241 per kWh
Off-Peak: \$0.154 per kWh

II. CPP Rate for the Residential, Small C&I, and Medium C&I Classes

The CPP rate development is a relatively simple two-step process.

First, calculate the critical peak price. Given 15 critical peak days with a 4 hour critical peak period, there are 60 critical peak hours per year. As with the TOU rate, the capacity cost of \$51.03/kW-year is allocated across these 60 critical peak hours, creating a capacity adder of roughly 85.1 cents. Again, we assume a 10 cent existing generation charge, which includes a 0.58 cent capacity cost. To calculate the critical peak rate, we add the capacity adder to the existing rate less the capacity cost, equaling \$0.945/kWh. .

Second, solve the off-peak price for revenue neutrality. In order to maintain revenue neutrality, the off-peak price is slightly different for each class due to differences in class load shapes. The assumed existing rate used in the revenue neutrality calculation is 10 cents/kWh. In this case, the generation-only off-peak rates are as follows:

Residential Class – Off-Peak: \$0.091 per kWh
Small C&I Class – Off-Peak: \$0.092 per kWh
Medium C&I Class – Off-Peak: \$0.092 per kWh

With non-generation costs included, the all-in rates are:

Residential Class – Critical Peak: \$1.009 per kWh
Residential Class – Off-Peak: \$0.156 per kWh

³ The average PJM capacity auction outcome for year 2012.

Small C&I Class – Critical Peak: \$0.971 per kWh
Small C&I Class – Off-Peak: \$0.118 per kWh

Medium C&I Class – Critical Peak: \$0.967 per kWh
Medium C&I Class – Off-Peak: \$0.114 per kWh

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PECO Exhibit AF-1: Rate Options Initially Considered

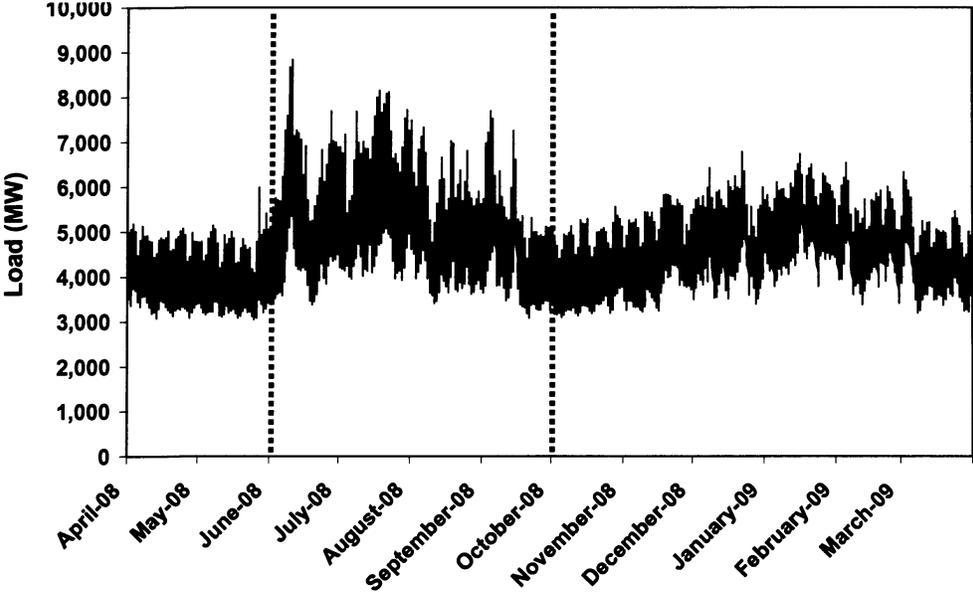
Rate	Description
Time-of-Use (TOU)	Charges a higher price during all weekday peak hours and a discounted price during off-peak and weekend hours
Super Peak TOU	Similar to the TOU except that the peak price is offered during a much smaller number of hours of the year, leading to a stronger price signal
Inclining Block Rate (IBR)	Customer usage is divided into tiers and usage is charged at higher rates in the higher tiers; meant to encourage conservation
Critical Peak Pricing (CPP)	Customers are charged a higher price during the peak period on a limited number of event days (often 15 or less); the rate is discounted during the remaining hours
Variable Peak Pricing (VPP)	Critical Peak Pricing rate with added variability
CPP-TOU Combination	A TOU rate in which a moderate peak price applies during most peak hours of the year, but a higher peak price applies on limited event days
Peak Time Rebate (PTR)	The existing flat rate combined with a rebate for each unit of reduced demand below a pre-determined baseline estimate during peak times on event days
Real Time Pricing (RTP)	A rate with hourly variation that follows Locational Marginal Pricing (LMPs), but with capacity costs allocated equally across all hours of the year
Critical Peak RTP (CP-RTP)	A rate with hourly variation based on LMPs and with a capacity cost adder focused only during event hours, creating a strong price signal at these times

PECO Exhibit AF-2: Results of Rate Evaluation

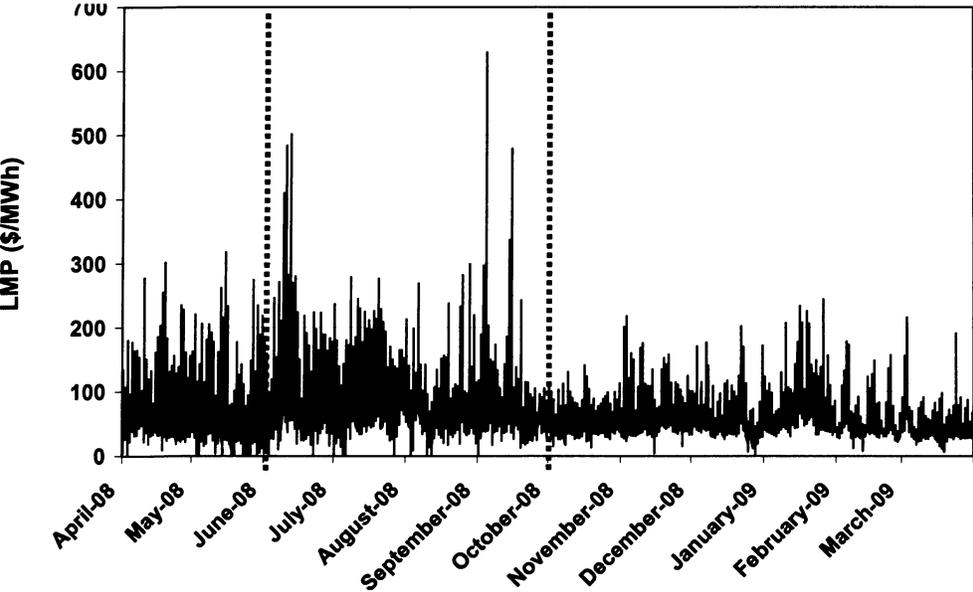
	Simplicity	Value Proposition	Retail-Wholesale Connection	Peak Reduction	Load Shifting	Description
TOU	H	L	M	M	H	Provides strong incentive for permanent load shifting
CPP	M	H	M	H	L	Simple, focused rate for targeted reductions during top load hours
CPP/ TOU	M	H	H	H	M	Provides combined incentive of load shifting and demand response
PTR	M	M	L	H	L	Residential rate produces no immediate "losers"; potentially most applicable for low income residential customers
RTP	L	L-H	H	L	M	Conveys variability in hourly LMP which provides some load shifting value
CP RTP	L	L-H	H	H	M	Provides additional curtailment incentive beyond LMP during top load hours

L = Low, M = Moderate, H = High

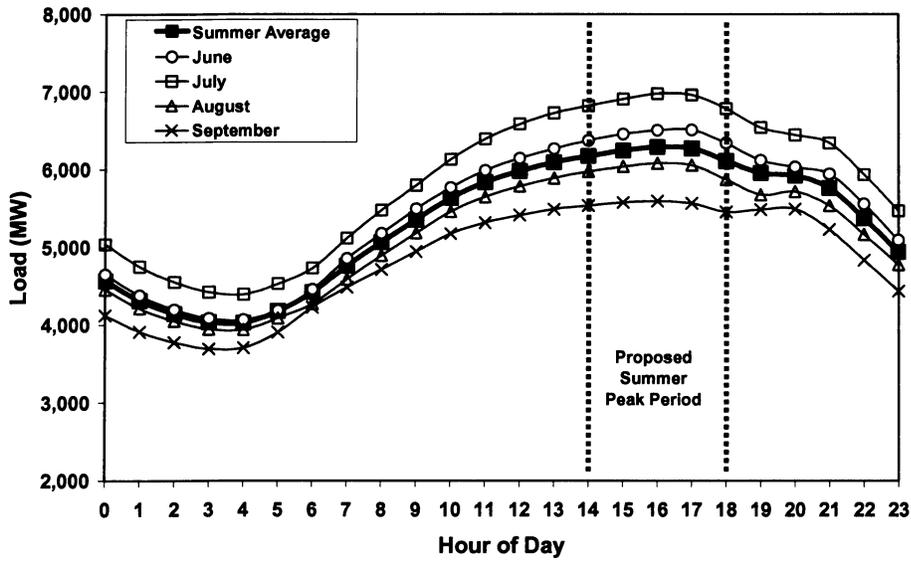
**PECO Exhibit AF-3:
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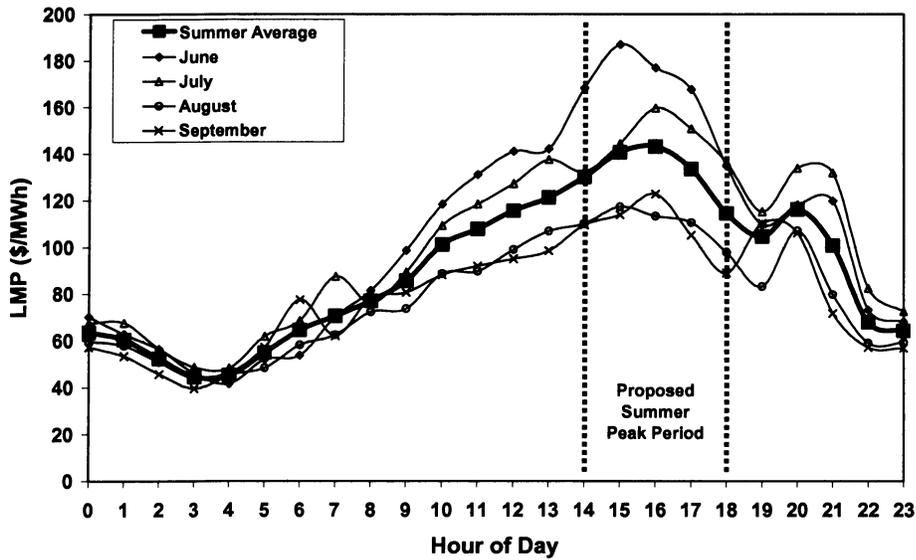
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PECO Locational Marginal Price (April 2008 – March 2009)**



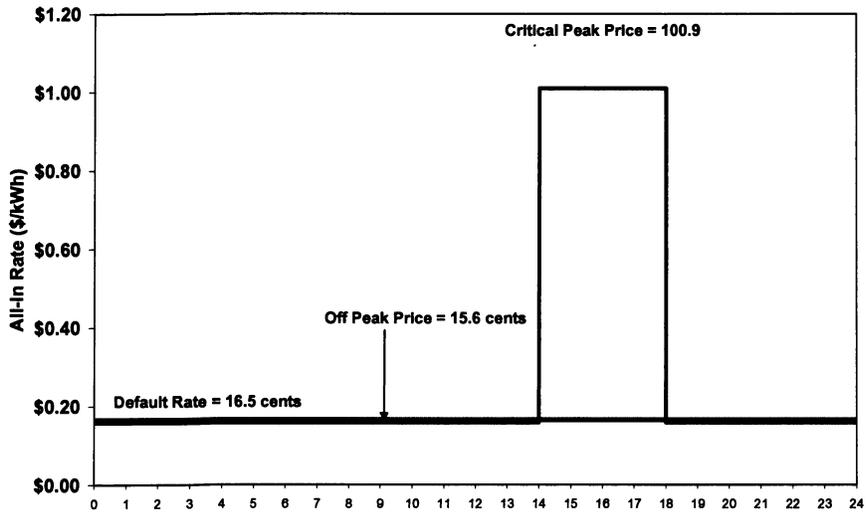
**PECO Exhibit AF-5:
PECO 2008 Summer Average Hourly System Load**



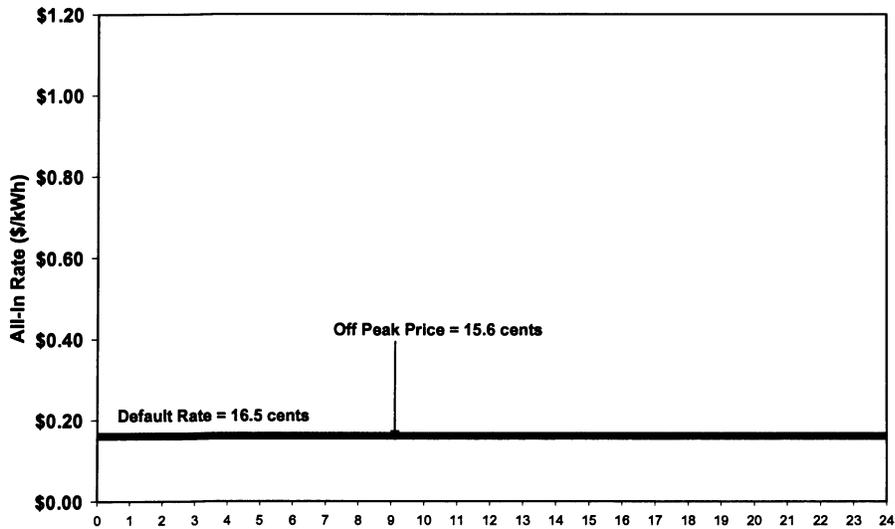
**PECO Exhibit AF-6:
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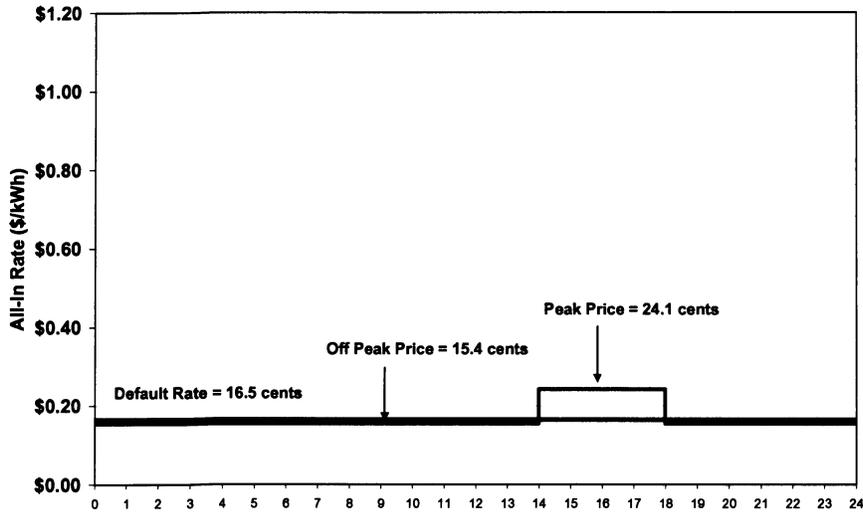
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Illustrative CPP Rate for Residential Class – Summer (All-In Rates)**



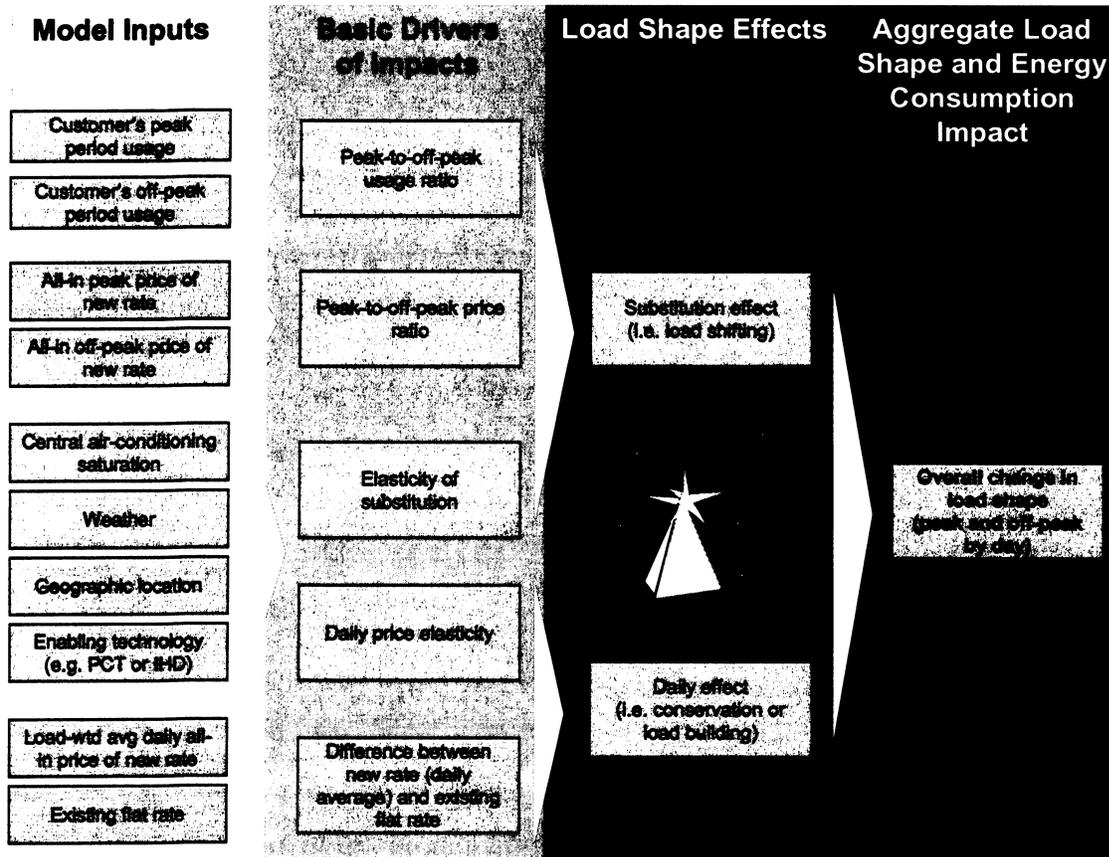
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Illustrative CPP Rate for Residential Class – Non-Summer (All-In Rates)**



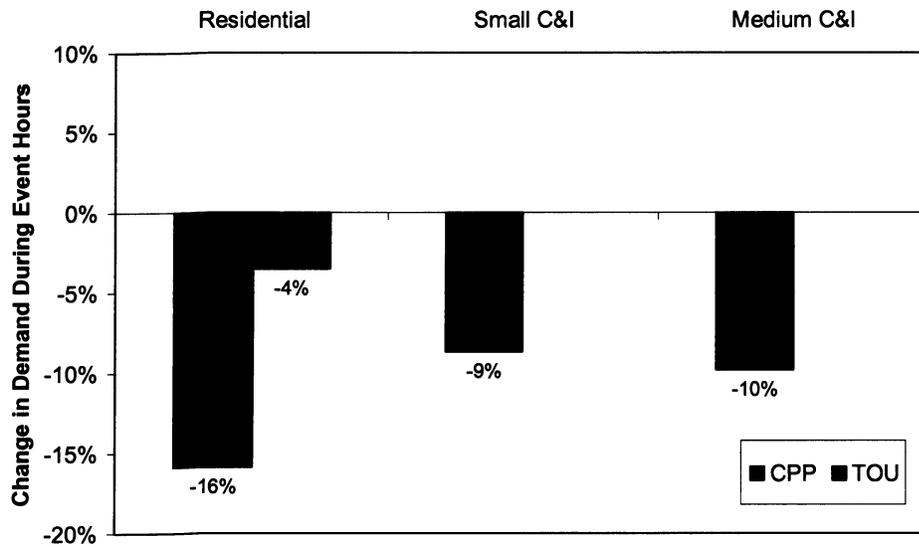
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Illustrative TOU Rate for Residential Class – Year-Round (All-In Rates)**



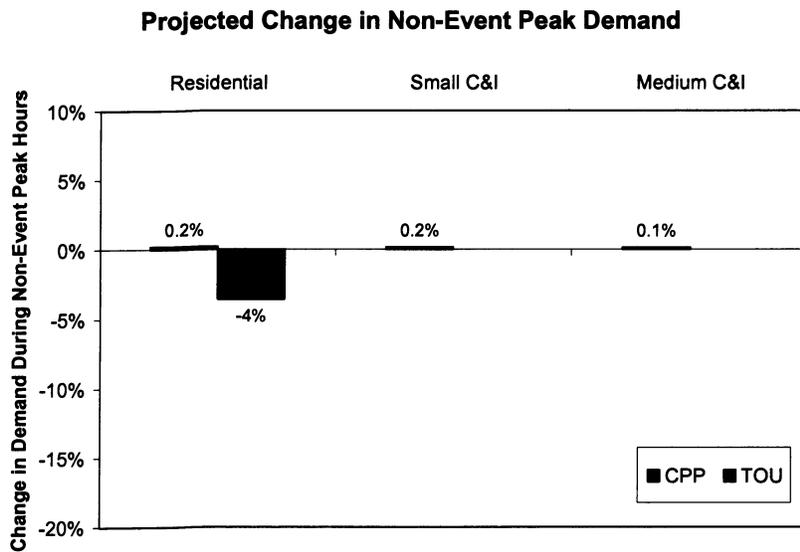
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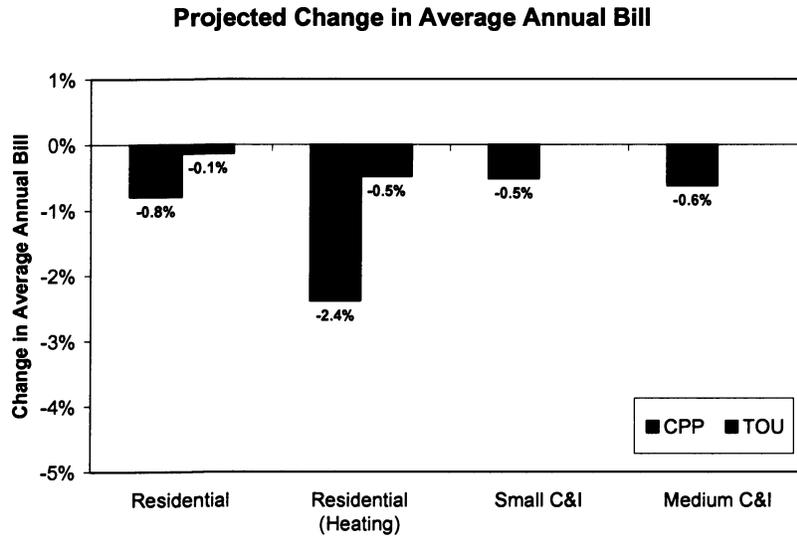
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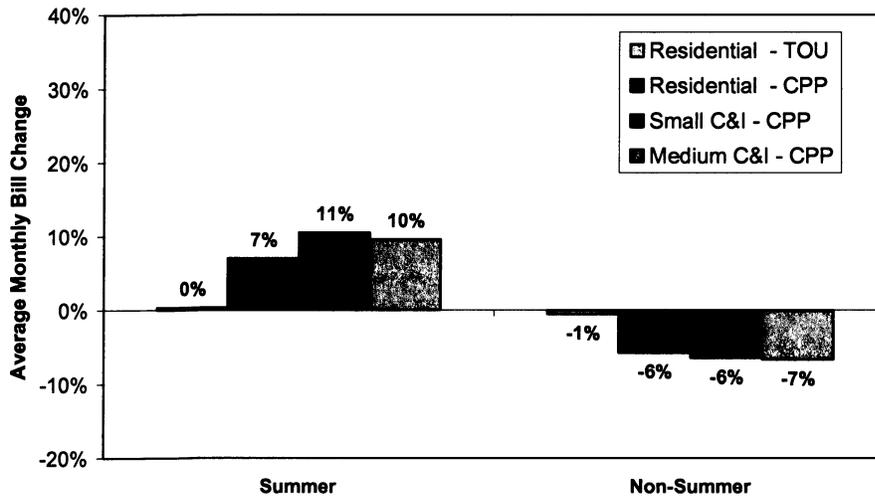
**PECO Exhibit AF-12:
Projected Change in Non-Event Peak Demand**



**PECO Exhibit AF-13:
Projected Change in Average Annual Bill**

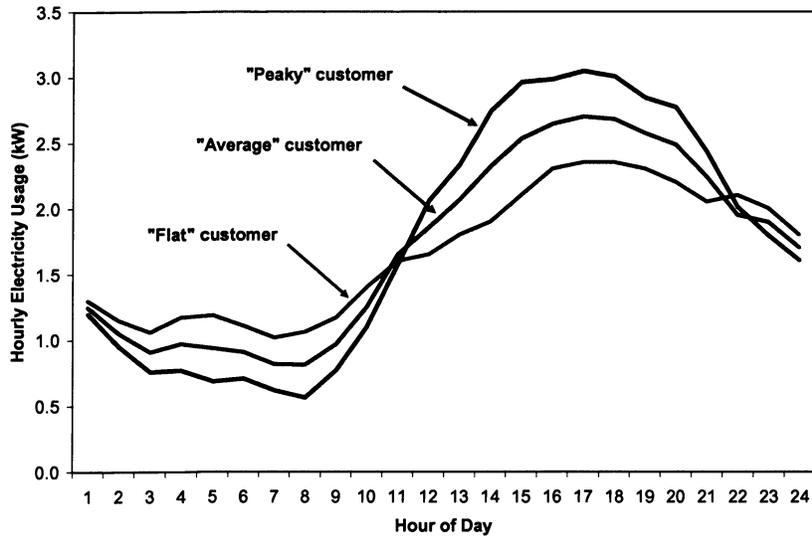


**PECO Exhibit AF-14:
Average Seasonal Bill Impacts After Customer Response**

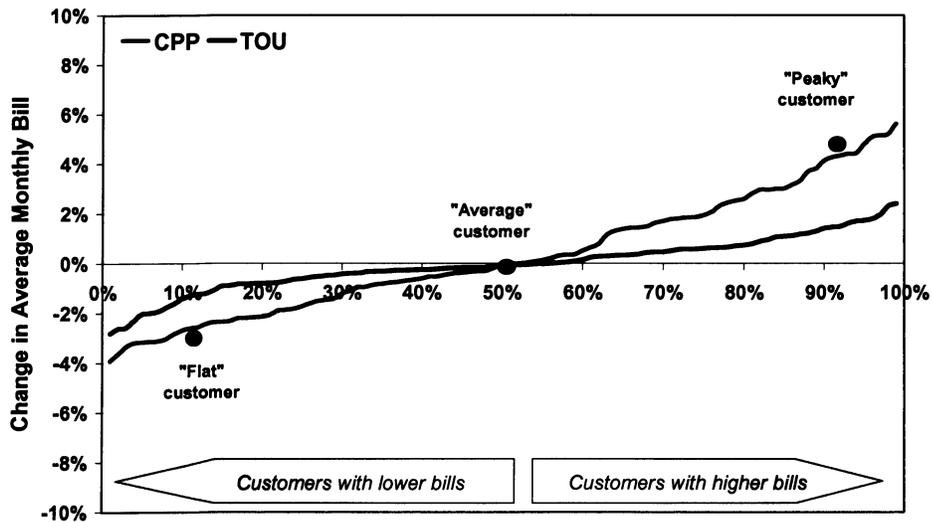


*Summer months include June through September; non-summer months include October through May

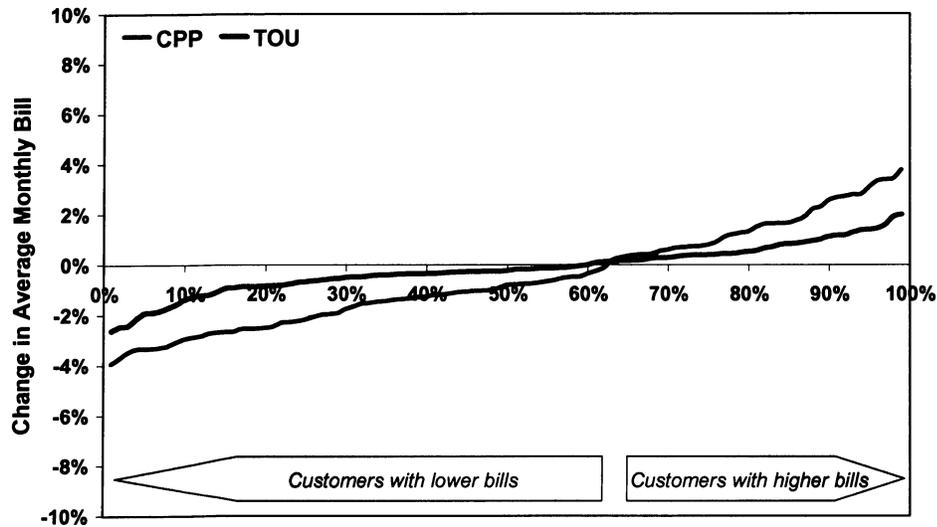
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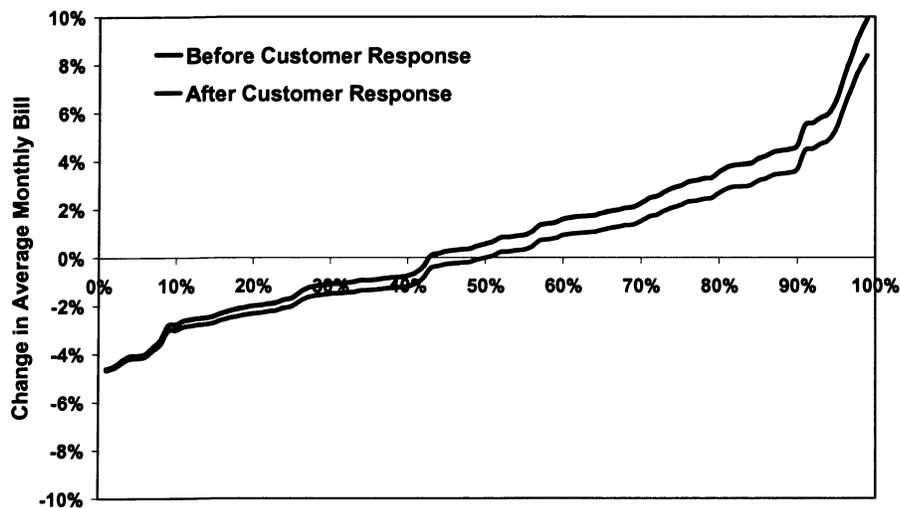
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Distribution of Dynamic Pricing Bill Impacts (Residential CPP and TOU Before Customer Response)**



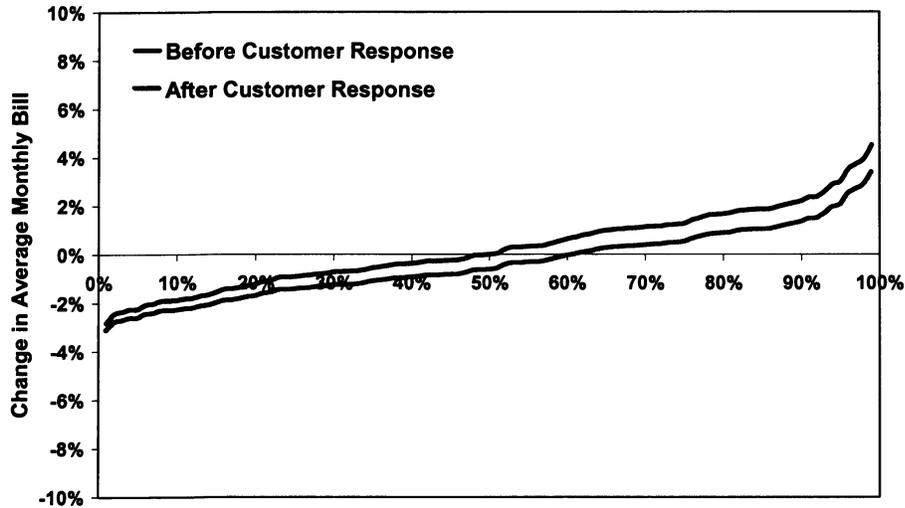
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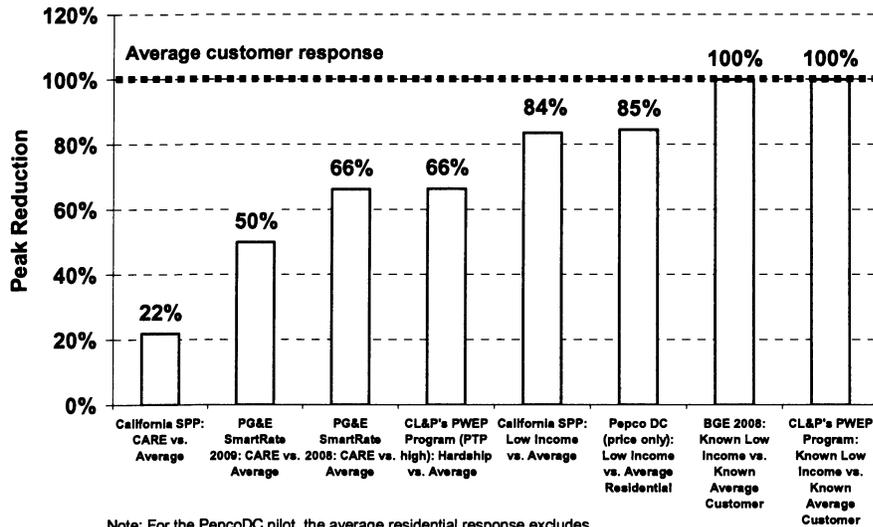
**PECO Exhibit AF-18:
Distribution of Dynamic Pricing Bill Impacts (Small C&I on CPP Rate Before and After Customer Response)**



**PECO Exhibit AF-19:
Distribution of Dynamic Pricing Bill Impacts (Medium C&I on CPP Rate Before and After Customer Response)**



**PECO Exhibit AF-20:
Low Income Customer Responsiveness Relative to Average Customer**



**PECO Exhibit AF-21:
Distribution of Bill Impacts: (CAP E Low Income Customers on CPP and TOU After
Customer Response)**

