STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN GLADYS M. BROWN

Before the Commission for consideration and disposition is the Partial Settlement resolving issues related to PECO Energy Company – Electric Divisions’ (PECO’s) proposed rate increase. The Partial Settlement proposes the adoption of a pilot Electric Vehicle Direct Current Fast Charger Rider (EV Fast Charger Rider). I commend PECO for bringing forth a proposal to stimulate the electric vehicle market in its service territory, and further commend the parties in this proceeding for their support and work in crafting PECO’s pilot proposal.

EVs offer a more efficient and cleaner option to travel through increased mileage per unit of energy and reduced emissions. Also, the economic benefits of EVs continue to advance with developments in battery technology. These factors have supported interest in EVs, and ultimately sales. In fact, in October of this year, aggregate United States EV sales surpassed the 1,000,000 unit milestone – with over 90% of these sales realized after 2010.¹

This milestone exemplifies the enthusiasm and momentum around the EV marketplace. Nonetheless, there is still a lot of work to be done to facilitate charging station access in an economic manner. With that said, I wish to highlight my support for PECO’s EV Fast Charger Rider. This pilot is designed to support the buildout of publicly available and workplace fast charging through reduced demand charges. The 36-month pilot will require participants to provide PECO with data to inform the Company, and this Commission, on future rate design. This proposal aligns with the Commission’s recently approved Policy Statement facilitating regulatory clarity for third-party charging.² I am pleased to vote for approval.

December 20, 2018
Gladys M. Brown, Chairman