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Re: PECO Energy Company's 2016-2018
Universal Service and Energy Conservation
Plan
Docket No. M-2015-2507139

Petition of PECO Energy Company for
Expedited Approval to Establish an
Emergency Grant Program for Low-Income
Customers
Docket No. P-2022-3032265

Dear Secretary Chiavetta,

On April 26, 2022, PECO Energy Company (PECO or Company) filed its Petition for Expedited Approval to Establish an Emergency Grant Program for Low-Income Customers. Pursuant to the Company's Settlement of its 2021 base rate proceeding at Docket No. R-2021-3024601, PECO proposes to establish an emergency low-income grant program to distribute approximately \$3.7 million of unspent Low Income Usage Reduction Program (LIURP) funds. Petition at 1. Consistent with the Settlement, PECO proposes to allocate the \$3.7 million proportionately across the service territory based upon the number of customers in each county at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Petition at 1. In its Petition, PECO proposes a process to identify and to automatically provide grants to customers in an amount equal to the customer's balance. Petition at 1. PECO states that the Company would first identify customers by county who have a balance of at least \$500 and would then move to customers with an increasing past due balance until the county's allocated portion is expended. Petition at 1-2; see also, Petition at ¶ 18.

As PECO indicated in its Petition, the Company discussed with the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) its proposal in advance of the Company's filing. Petition at ¶ 24. The Petition is designed to effectuate the terms of the base rate proceeding Settlement in an efficient manner that will most quickly provide grants to help needy low-income customers zero out their balances. Based on the specific facts of this Petition and in the interests of getting assistance to low-income customers in need as quickly as possible, the OCA does not oppose PECO's Petition in this case. The OCA's position is limited to the allocation of the specific LIURP dollars identified in PECO's

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Petition and because this specific Petition is effectuating the Settlement from the Company's base rate proceeding. Any similar Petitions must be viewed individually on their own merits.

Copies of this letter have been served per the attached Certificate of Service.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (717) 599-8954.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the following document, the Office of Consumer Advocate's Letter Re: In Lieu of Answer, upon parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant), in the manner and upon the persons listed below:

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