

June 19, 2025

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Commonwealth Keystone Building  
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RE: Updated Information Submitted in Compliance with Section 1307(f) of the Public Utility Code and Direct Testimony  
Recovery of Purchased Gas Costs  
Docket No. R-2025-3054868; Tariff Gas - Pa. P.U.C. No. 6 - PECO Energy  
Company

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Dear Secretary Homsher:

Enclosed for filing please find the following updated Sections and Direct Testimony:

- Section 15 of the Advanced Filing;
- Section 16 of the Advanced Filing;
- Section 17 of the Advanced Filing;
- Section 22 of the Advanced Filing; and
- Direct Testimony of Suzette Adams (PECO Statement No. 1)

PECO respectfully requests that these updated Sections of the Advanced Filing and updated Direct Testimony be replaced with the corresponding Sections filed on April 30, 2025 and Direct Testimony that was filed on May 30, 2025.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Kruti B. Patel*

Kruti B. Patel

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Kruti B. Patel, Esquire, hereby certify that I am on this day serving copies of PECO's Updated Advance Information Section and Direct Testimony upon the participants listed below in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant):

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Updated Section 15

Data for the consecutive three-day peak periods over the last five send out years are shown below. PECO's send out year begins September 1 and ends August 31 of the following year. "Int" means the rate was interrupted for some portion or all of the day. "Avail" means the rate was available for use the entire day.

| Date         | Mcf              | Avg.<br>Tem | Max.<br>Tem | Min.<br>Tem | Status<br>Rate<br>TSI | Status<br>Rate<br>IS | Status<br>Rate<br>TCS | Status<br>Rate<br>CGS* |
|--------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1/28/2021    | 635,344          | 27          | 33          | 23          | Avail                 | Avail                | Avail                 | Avail                  |
| 1/29/2021    | 677,652          | 24          | 29          | 19          | Avail                 | Avail                | Avail                 | Avail                  |
| 1/30/2021    | 570,260          | 30          | 35          | 25          | Avail                 | Avail                | Avail                 | Avail                  |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>1,883,256</b> |             |             |             |                       |                      |                       |                        |
| 1/29/2022    | 748,912          | 17          | 24          | 12          | Avail                 | Int                  | Avail                 | N/A                    |
| 1/30/2022    | 667,611          | 23          | 27          | 19          | Avail                 | Int                  | Avail                 | N/A                    |
| 1/31/2022    | 629,552          | 28          | 35          | 24          | Avail                 | Int                  | Avail                 | N/A                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>2,046,075</b> |             |             |             |                       |                      |                       |                        |
| 12/23/2022   | 728,437          | 17          | 47          | 8           | Avail                 | Int                  | Avail                 | N/A                    |
| 12/24/2022   | 761,932          | 18          | 22          | 10          | Avail                 | Int                  | Avail                 | N/A                    |
| 12/25/2022   | 657,876          | 23          | 28          | 17          | Avail                 | Int                  | Avail                 | N/A                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>2,148,245</b> |             |             |             |                       |                      |                       |                        |
| 1/15/2024    | 605,525          | 27          | 28          | 26          | Avail                 | Avail                | Avail                 | N/A                    |
| 1/16/2024    | 687,045          | 23          | 30          | 14          | Avail                 | Avail                | Avail                 | N/A                    |
| 1/17/2024    | 698,763          | 23          | 26          | 18          | Avail                 | Avail                | Avail                 | N/A                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>1,991,333</b> |             |             |             |                       |                      |                       |                        |
| 1/20/2025    | 736,728          | 17          | 26          | 10          | Int                   | Int                  | Int                   | N/A                    |
| 1/21/2025    | 791,455          | 15          | 18          | 11          | Int                   | Int                  | Int                   | N/A                    |
| 1/22/2025    | 773,696          | 16          | 19          | 12          | Int                   | Int                  | Int                   | N/A                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>2,301,879</b> |             |             |             |                       |                      |                       |                        |

\*Rate CGS was removed effective 7/1/2021 in Gas Rate Case Docket #R-2020-3018929.

Only partial information is available by rate class for the three-day peaks since some rate classes are not metered on a daily basis. A tabulation by rate class is shown below.

| <b>Rate Class</b> | <b>Description</b>                   | <b>Frequency of Meter Reading</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| TSI & IS          | Interruptible transportation & sales | Daily                             |
| TSF & L           | Firm transportation & sales          | Daily                             |
| TCS               | Interruptible by temperature         | Daily                             |
| CGS               | City Gate Sales                      | Daily                             |
| GC                | Commercial firm sales                | Monthly                           |
| GR                | Residential firm sales               | Monthly                           |
| MV-F              | Motor vehicle-firm sales             | Monthly                           |
| MV-I              | Motor vehicle-interruptible sales    | Monthly                           |
| OL                | Outdoor lighting                     | Monthly                           |

The usage by rate class for the three-day peaks for the last five send out years appears below. All figures are in Mcf.

| Date      | TSI/IS | TSF/L  | TCS | GC      | GR      | Others* | Total Mcf |
|-----------|--------|--------|-----|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| 1/28/2021 | 46,076 | 50,749 | 634 | 172,960 | 363,538 | 1,387   | 635,344   |
| 1/29/2021 | 47,456 | 51,174 | 681 | 186,003 | 390,951 | 1,387   | 677,652   |
| 1/30/2021 | 48,221 | 50,235 | 555 | 151,478 | 318,384 | 1,387   | 570,260   |

|           |        |        |     |         |         |       |         |
|-----------|--------|--------|-----|---------|---------|-------|---------|
| 1/29/2022 | 45,850 | 53,364 | 509 | 209,477 | 438,148 | 1,564 | 748,912 |
| 1/30/2022 | 46,332 | 52,836 | 446 | 183,215 | 383,218 | 1,564 | 667,611 |
| 1/31/2022 | 46,649 | 53,025 | 415 | 170,751 | 357,148 | 1,564 | 629,552 |

|            |        |        |    |         |         |       |         |
|------------|--------|--------|----|---------|---------|-------|---------|
| 12/23/2022 | 47,128 | 47,922 | 87 | 210,619 | 420,886 | 1,795 | 728,437 |
| 12/24/2022 | 37,096 | 42,413 | 94 | 226,971 | 453,564 | 1,795 | 761,932 |
| 12/25/2022 | 41,035 | 45,944 | 78 | 189,780 | 379,244 | 1,795 | 657,876 |

|           |        |        |     |         |         |       |         |
|-----------|--------|--------|-----|---------|---------|-------|---------|
| 1/15/2024 | 40,847 | 46,634 | 300 | 169,191 | 347,022 | 1,531 | 605,525 |
| 1/16/2024 | 41,156 | 48,258 | 346 | 195,261 | 400,493 | 1,531 | 687,045 |
| 1/17/2024 | 46,031 | 49,354 | 349 | 197,143 | 404,354 | 1,531 | 698,763 |

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|           |        |        |   |         |         |       |         |
|-----------|--------|--------|---|---------|---------|-------|---------|
| 1/20/2025 | 22,507 | 57,772 | 0 | 205,511 | 449,145 | 1,793 | 736,728 |
| 1/21/2025 | 22,733 | 58,345 | 0 | 222,440 | 486,144 | 1,793 | 791,455 |
| 1/22/2025 | 22,874 | 58,300 | 0 | 216,835 | 473,894 | 1,793 | 773,696 |

\*\* Rates MV-F, MV-I, OL, CGS, L, IS, Interdepartmental

## **Updated Section 16**

### **OVERVIEW OF THE METHODOLOGY**

The key steps used to determine the design day requirement are listed below.

Each step is explained in detail following this overview.

**STEP 1**      Establish the design day temperature.

**STEP 2**      Gather daily load and temperature data from the past winter seasons.

**STEP 3**      Perform a linear regression analysis of firm demand versus average temperature for the day.

**STEP 4**      Determine the total projected design day requirement for the next winter season by adding a firm load growth component and the firm standby sales requirement for transportation customers.

**STEP 5**      Project the design day requirement for the next 10 years using the result obtained in step 4.

### **STEP 1 - BASIS FOR THE DESIGN DAY TEMPERATURE**

PECO Energy Company (“PECO”) uses a design temperature of zero degrees Fahrenheit. This design temperature is the average of hourly temperatures over a 24-hour period. PECO does not use a reserve factor in its design day planning.

The design temperature of zero degrees is a reasonable compromise between reliability and cost. It provides assurance that firm service customers are not likely to face service interruptions and keeps the costs for peak day capacity at an acceptable level.

The following table shows the lowest 24-hour average temperatures measured in each winter season for the last 30 years.

| <b>Winter Season</b> | <b>Lowest Daily Average Temperature (degrees Fahrenheit)</b> |
|----------------------|--|
| 95-96                | 10   |
| 96-97                | 12   |
| 97-98                | 25   |
| 98-99                | 21   |
| 99-00                | 14   |
| 00-01                | 19   |
| 01-02                | 27   |
| 02-03                | 15   |
| 03-04                | 12   |
| 04-05                | 13   |
| 05-06                | 21   |
| 06-07                | 13   |
| 07-08                | 19   |
| 08-09                | 12   |
| 09-10                | 18   |
| 10-11                | 18   |
| 11-12                | 21   |
| 12-13                | 17   |
| 13-14                | 11   |
| 14-15                | 10   |
| 15-16                | 15   |
| 16-17                | 19   |
| 17-18                | 11   |
| 18-19                | 14   |
| 19-20                | 26   |
| 20-21                | 24   |
| 21-22                | 17   |
| 22-23                | 17   |
| 23-24                | 20   |
| 24-25                | 15   |

## **STEP 2 - DAILY LOAD AND TEMPERATURE DATA**

PECO's customer base is segregated into two general categories, firm and interruptible. These categories are then further separated into customer classes: residential, commercial, and industrial.

Firm customers receive uninterrupted delivery of gas and can be found in all customer classes. Firm load has two components, base and variable. Base load can be clearly identified in the summer and consists of residential and commercial customers using appliances such as water heaters and gas ranges, and industrial customers utilizing gas for processes. Base load is not sensitive to daily temperature changes. Variable load, which is highly sensitive to temperature changes, can be found in all customer classes and normally is the result of using natural gas as a heating source.

Customers in the interruptible category are generally large industrial or commercial entities and electric power generators. Interruptible customers receive a reduced rate on the condition that service will be interrupted at various times throughout the year. The interruptible rates offered by PECO are: TCS - Temperature Controlled Service, CGS - City Gate Service, IS - Interruptible Sales Service, TS-I - Transportation Service-Interruptible, and MV-I – Motor Vehicle Interruptible.

## **TEMPERATURE DATA**

PECO's weather data is measured at the Philadelphia Airport by its weather data vendor, DTN. Daily average temperatures are computed from hourly readings. Temperature averages are computed using the gas day, which falls from 10am-10am daily.

## **LOAD MEASUREMENT**

PECO measures daily gas use by its largest commercial and industrial customers, typically served by both firm and interruptible transportation service. This measurement is accomplished by an automatic meter reading system. Each meter serving a customer has an electronic module that transmits data over telephone lines at one or more times throughout the day to PECO for purposes of determining usage and billing. Use of gas by small commercial and residential customers is measured daily then aggregated by month.

## **DETERMINATION OF THE FIRM DAILY DEMAND**

PECO's design day projection is based solely on firm load requirements. The projection assumes that on the design day all of PECO's interruptible sales and interruptible transportation services--Rates IS, CGS, TCS, MV-I and TSI--are fully interrupted. Interruption is necessary to assure adequate supplies and distribution system capacity to serve firm requirement customers.

The analysis is based on data from the five most recent winters. To obtain this information, the following steps are performed:

1. Daily winter load figures are retrieved where the average temperature is 50 degrees Fahrenheit or below.
2. The data values are normalized to the current year to account for prior year growth and the different average BTU content experienced year-to-year.
3. The firm system daily demand is computed by subtracting the large commercial and industrial load, which is measured daily, from the total gas sendout for each

day. This temperature and demand information is then used in a linear regression analysis.

### **STEP 3 - LINEAR REGRESSION ANALYSIS**

A linear regression analysis is performed using the firm demand as the dependent variable and the daily average temperature as the explanatory independent variable. The line resulting from the analysis is called the regression or least squares line. The line is placed so that the sum of the squares of the deviation is minimized. Graph A demonstrates the relationship between temperature, shown on the x axis, and system firm daily demand, shown on the y axis.

Regression analysis determines the nature of the linear relationship between two interval or ratio scale variables, while correlation analysis measures the strength of the linear relationship between them. Correlation analysis provides the Coefficient of Correlation,  $r$ . This number indicates both the direction and the strength of the linear relationship between the dependent variable ( $y$ ), firm demand, and the independent variable ( $x$ ), temperature.

When  $r$  is negatively sloped, as shown on Graph A, the firm demand and temperature are inversely related. The larger the absolute value of  $r$ , the stronger the linear relationship between firm demand and temperature. If  $r = -1$  or  $r = +1$ , the regression will actually include all of the data points. The  $r$  factor for this analysis is 0.975.

Another measure of the strength of the relationship is the Coefficient of Determination,  $r$  squared. Its numerical value is the proportion of the variation in  $y$ , firm

demand that is explained by the regression line. That is, the total variation in y versus the unexplained variation in x. This analysis shows an r squared value of 0.9497.

The regression analysis indicates a daily firm load requirement of 911,203 MCF at zero degrees, which represents the daily firm requirement of residential and small commercial customers. Temperature dependent load is 14,226 MCF per degree.

**STEP 4 - DETERMINE THE TOTAL PROJECTED DESIGN DAY REQUIREMENT  
FIRM STANDBY REQUIREMENTS FOR GAS TRANSPORTATION CUSTOMERS**

PECO also must include its firm standby sales service obligation in its design day projection. This service is a form of firm sales provided to firm transportation customers under Rate TS-F that purchase this service. It serves two purposes - first, standby sales service provides a back-up sales service to the customer's transportation supplies. If transportation supplies cannot be delivered by the pipelines or are not available for any reason, the customer can purchase gas from PECO under standby sales service. The second reason for standby sales service is to preserve the customer's right to return to traditional sales service. If customers wish to discontinue transportation service, they can automatically resume purchases from PECO as sales customers. The daily standby sales service requirement is 1,379 MCF and is based on the sum of the standby sales quantities for Rate TS-F customers.

**FIRM LOAD GROWTH**

The design day projection also must reflect expected base and variable load growth through March 2025. This is a result of additions to the customer base.

Projected daily firm load growth from residential and commercial classes is 6,562 MCF.

| Customer Class | Number of Customers Added | Estimated Design Day Requirement |
|----------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Residential    | 8,195                     | 5,173 MCF                        |
| Commercial     | 417                       | 1,388 MCF                        |

**PROJECTED DESIGN DAY REQUIREMENT**

The following is a summary of all previously discussed elements of the design day requirement. The total design day requirement is projected to be 919,144 MCF for the 2025-2026 winter season. This requirement is based on a design day temperature of zero degrees Fahrenheit, and no reserve factor is included in projecting the design day requirement.

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Firm Load from Regression Analysis .....    | 911,203 MCF      |
| Firm Standby Sales Requirement .....        | 1,379 MCF        |
| Firm Load Growth.....                       | <u>6,562 MCF</u> |
| Total Design Day Req. 2025-2026 Winter..... | 919,144 MCF      |

**COMPARISON OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES WITH THE PROJECTED DESIGN DAY REQUIREMENT**

The resources listed in the table below are expected to be available for the 2025-2026 winter. A deficit of 6,324 MCF is projected between the design day requirements and current resources. PECO will use a combination of resources such as bundled peaking services and delivered services to satisfy this deficit.

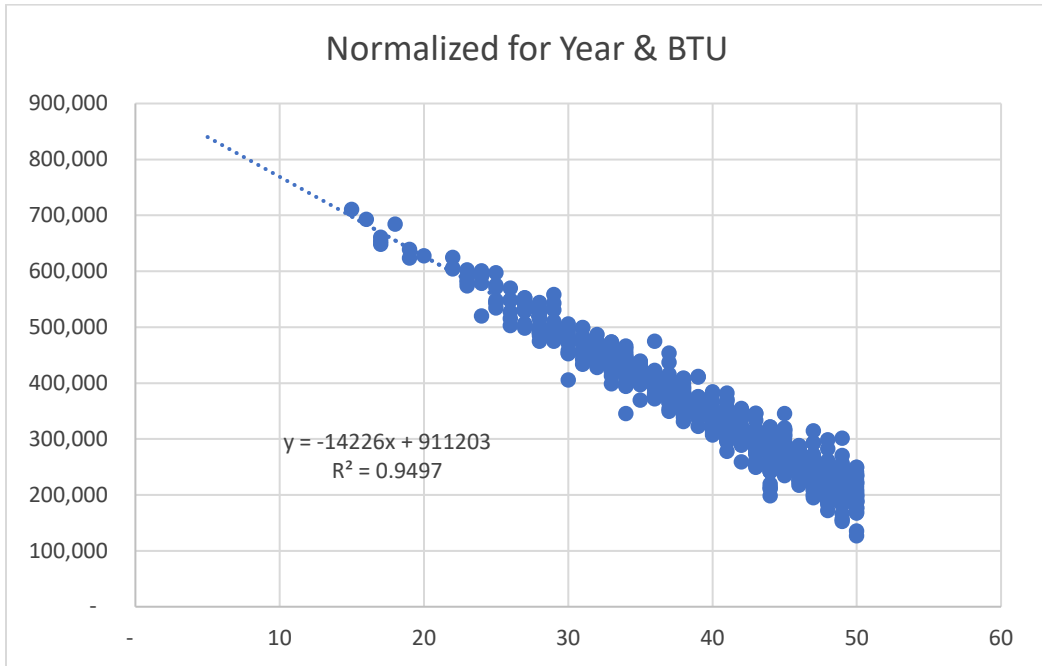
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|--|-------------------|
| Supplies Delivered on FT Contracts ..... | 421,528 MCF       |
| Storage Withdrawals.....                 | 241,729 MCF       |
| LNG.....                                 | 190,000 MCF       |
| Propane.....                             | 24,838 MCF        |
| Delivered Hedged Contracts.....          | <u>34,726 MCF</u> |
| Total Resources.....                     | 912,820 MCF       |

**STEP 5 - 10 YEAR PROJECTION OF THE DESIGN DAY REQUIREMENT**

The design day figure for the 2025-2026 winter season is used to project the design day requirement for the next ten years. The requirement is assumed to increase at the same rate as the total firm sales.

| Winter Season | Projected Firm Sales<br>MMCF/Year | Projected Design Day<br>Requirement MCF/Day |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 2025-2026     | 66,594                            | 919,144                                     |
| 2026-2027     | 69,225                            | 955,459                                     |
| 2027-2028     | 69,947                            | 965,420                                     |
| 2028-2029     | 71,052                            | 980,672                                     |
| 2029-2030     | 71,651                            | 988,945                                     |
| 2030-2031     | 71,751                            | 990,330                                     |
| 2031-2032     | 71,852                            | 991,716                                     |
| 2032-2033     | 71,952                            | 993,104                                     |
| 2033-2034     | 72,053                            | 994,494                                     |
| 2034-2035     | 72,154                            | 995,886                                     |

**GRAPH A**



**Updated Section 17 - Projected 10-Year Minimum Gas Requirements**

The following is an analysis of data demonstrating the minimum gas entitlements needed to provide reliable and uninterrupted service, on a projected future basis, to firm customers during peak periods. The projected minimum gas requirements needed to serve firm sales customers over the next 10 years are shown in the tables below. Requirements for annual, winter, and design day time periods are included.

**Table 1 - Firm Gas Requirements for Normal Weather (4,348 Degree Days)**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Annual Mdth</b> | <b>Winter Period (Nov. 1 to Mar. 31) Mdth</b> | <b>Design (0 degrees F Avg.) Mdth/day</b> |
|-------------|--------------------|---|---|
| 2025        | 70,764             | 54,588  | 953                                       |
| 2026        | 73,560             | 56,745  | 991                                       |
| 2027        | 74,327             | 57,337  | 1,001                                     |
| 2028        | 75,501             | 58,242  | 1,017                                     |
| 2029        | 76,138             | 58,734  | 1,026                                     |
| 2030        | 76,244             | 58,816  | 1,027                                     |
| 2031        | 76,351             | 58,898  | 1,028                                     |
| 2032        | 76,458             | 58,981  | 1,029                                     |
| 2033        | 76,565             | 59,063  | 1,030                                     |
| 2034        | 76,672             | 59,146  | 1,031                                     |

**Table 2 - Firm Gas Requirements for Design Weather (4,783 Degree Days)**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Annual Mdth</b> | <b>Winter Period (Nov. 1 to Mar. 31) Mdth</b> | <b>Design Day (0 degrees F Avg.) Mdth/day</b> |
|-------------|--------------------|---|---|
| 2025        | 75,446             | 59,270  | 953   |
| 2026        | 78,427             | 61,612  | 991   |
| 2027        | 79,245             | 62,255  | 1,001   |
| 2028        | 80,497             | 63,238  | 1,017   |
| 2029        | 81,176             | 63,772  | 1,026   |
| 2030        | 81,289             | 63,861  | 1,027   |
| 2031        | 81,403             | 63,950  | 1,028   |
| 2032        | 81,517             | 64,040  | 1,029   |
| 2033        | 81,631             | 64,129  | 1,030   |
| 2034        | 81,745             | 64,219  | 1,031   |

## RELIABILITY AND SUPPLY PLANS

**A. Overview.** Pursuant to Sections 1317(c) and (d) of the Public Utility Code (66 Pa. C. S. §§1317(c) and (d)), PECO Energy Company (PECO) is required to submit, as part of its filing under Section 1307(f) of the Public Utility Code (66 Pa. C. S. §§1307): (1) a reliability plan; and (2) a supply plan. For PECO, the reliability plan includes descriptions of (a) the projected peak day and seasonal requirements of firm customers that utilize the distribution system during the 12-month projected period specified in Section 1307(f)(1) of the Public Utility Code; and (b) the transportation capacity, storage, peaking or on-system production that ensures deliverability of the natural gas supplies necessary to meet such projected period peak day and seasonal requirements. The supply plan that PECO is required to file must set forth its proposed plan for the acquisition or receipt of natural gas supplies.

### **B. Reliability Plan.**

**(1) Peak Day.** PECO, as discussed in Section 16, has a winter design day requirement of 919,144 mcf or 952,877 dth. PECO plans to meet its design day demand requirement by utilizing its various sources of firm transportation (FT) capacity and gas supply. These sources of FT capacity and supply will typically be used in the following order:

First, PECO will use its long-term gas supply contracts, which feed into its FT capacity on Transco, Texas Eastern and Adelphia to deliver 436,998 dth to its citygate on the peak day.

Second, PECO will supplement the supply from its long-term gas supply contracts with supplies withdrawn from storage and delivered under storage-related firm transportation contracts. The total delivered storage available for delivery on a peak day is 250,600 dth.

Third, PECO will utilize its two peaking facilities to inject firm supplies directly into its distribution system. PECO's LNG facility will provide 196,973 dth on a peak day, and its propane facility will provide another 25,750 dth on a peak day.

Finally, PECO will supplement these services with other firm winter delivered services totaling 42,556 dth per day. All or a portion of the winter delivered service requirement may be supplied by Natural Gas Suppliers (NGSs) under PECO's Gas Choice Program, if they elect the delivered service option. This supply will be obtained in the summer of 2025 for delivery to PECO's citygate starting in December 2025, through an RFP process.

As shown below, the sources of capacity and supply identified above, in total, meet the aforementioned peak-day requirement of 952,877 dth:

|    |  |                |            |
|----|--|----------------|------------|
| 1. | Pipeline FT Deliveries                 | 436,998        | dth        |
| 2. | Pipeline Storage Deliveries            | 250,600        | dth        |
| 3. | Peaking Facilities                     | 222,723        | dth        |
| 4. | Delivered Winter Services <sup>1</sup> | 42,556         | dth        |
|    | <b>Total</b>                           | <b>952,877</b> | <b>dth</b> |

**(2) Seasonal Requirements.** PECO’s annual requirements can be split into two separate seasons: 1) the winter period of November-March; and 2) the summer period of April-October. The two seasons typically exhibit starkly different demand requirements because they have significantly different levels of experienced heating degree-days.

While varying from month to month and with actual weather conditions, the 2025-2026 winter season is projected to exhibit increasing demand in November (average day of 241,643 dth) and December (average day of 344,663 dth), a peak month in January (average day of 431,858 dth), and waning demand in February (average day of 388,956 dth) and March (average day of 255,536 dth). As previously explained, PECO will satisfy these demand requirements by generally first using its base load supplies delivered on its interstate pipeline FT capacity and, as temperatures decline, using pipeline storage withdrawals, peaking facility supplies, and other sources of supply generally in that order. Daily swings in demand will generally be accommodated with no-notice withdrawals from, or injections to, storage and purchases of spot supplies on an economic basis.

The 2025 summer season is projected to exhibit less on-system demand. However, the summer season also is the time to inject gas into storage for withdrawals the following winter. PECO projects that average-day on-system demand will decline from 137,349 dth/day in April to a low of 51,238 dth/day in August and then increase gradually through October (average day of 85,098 dth). Storage injections during this period are projected to average 74,121 dth per day. Typically, all demand and storage injections will be satisfied with gas supplies flowing on interstate pipeline FT capacity. Just as in the winter season, daily swings in demand will generally be accommodated by

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<sup>1</sup> For the winter of 2025-2026, PECO has entered into a winter delivered supply contracts that reduce the quantity required to be obtained via RFP to meet its peak day demand. PECO, through its approved hedging program, entered into fixed price delivered supply contracts equal to 36,000 Dth/d.

withdrawals from, or injections to, storage and purchases of spot supplies on an economic basis.

**(3) Reliability of Supply.** PECO ensures firm supply service through its contractual arrangements with reliable suppliers. All of PECO's long-term supply contracts and delivered peaking service contracts contain liquidated damages clauses for non-performance. PECO's asset management agreements, where a third-party manages PECO's storage and related transportation contracts for a fee, also contain liquidated damages clauses. PECO has experienced no instances of failure-to-perform on its long-term gas supply and asset management agreements, which it attributes to the selection of reputable, reliable suppliers and asset managers as well as arranging for supply deliveries from diverse, liquid, geographic sources.

**C. Supply Plan.** As demonstrated throughout this filing, PECO satisfies the demand requirements of its customers through a combination of long-term contracts, summer injection contracts, winter season contracts, and spot gas purchase contracts. These sources provide PECO with significant flexibility in terms of price and volume. The long-term contracts generally feed into interstate pipeline capacity for delivery into the PECO gas distribution system, while the summer injection gas flows on pipeline FT for injection into storage. Winter season purchases are typically delivered directly to the PECO gas distribution system at pipeline citygate interconnections. Spot purchases can be delivered directly to PECO as well as into pipeline FT capacity for subsequent delivery to PECO. As PECO's customers transfer to NGSs for their gas supply, PECO will need to purchase less gas on average but will need to retain sufficient resources to satisfy its Supplier of Last Resort Obligations.

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**UPDATED DIRECT TESTIMONY  
OF  
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**PECO STATEMENT NO. 1**

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1                   **UPDATED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF SUZETTE E. ADAMS**

2           **I.    INTRODUCTION**

3   **1.    Q.    Please state your name and business address.**

4           A.    My name is Suzette E. Adams. My business address is PECO Energy Company,  
5                   2301 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

6   **2.    Q.    What is your educational background?**

7           A.    I hold a Bachelor’s Degree in Accounting from Temple University and a Master’s  
8                   Degree in Business Administration from Eastern University.

9   **3.    Q.    Have you previously submitted testimony in rate proceedings?**

10          A.    Yes. I have submitted testimony on behalf of PECO Energy Company (“PECO” or  
11                   the “Company”) in the Purchased Gas Cost (“PGC”) 40 proceeding at Docket No.  
12                   R-2023-3040285 and PGC 41 proceeding at Docket No. R-2024-3048767.

13   **4.    Q.    Please describe your work experience relevant to your Direct Testimony.**

14          A.    I have been employed at PECO or its affiliate, Exelon Business Services Company  
15                   (“Exelon BSC”) since May 2002. I started as a Senior Accountant in the accounting  
16                   department of Exelon BSC. In that role, I performed functions of an accountant  
17                   which included journal entries, account reconciliation, depreciation expenses and  
18                   prepared various internal and external (SEC, FERC, PUC) reporting. In 2006, I  
19                   became the Senior Gas Supply & Transportation Analyst. My responsibilities  
20                   included tracking departmental Key Performance Indicators, supply planning,  
21                   storage asset management, asset optimization, daily, monthly, seasonal and long-  
22                   term natural gas purchasing, analyzing and authorizing capacity releases and  
23                   scheduling natural gas flow on interstate pipelines. Over the last seven years I have  
24                   worked in Project Management overseeing large scale projects, I managed the Call

1 Center, and served as the Chief of Staff to the Chief Customer Officer (CCO) in  
2 Customer Operations.

3 **5. Q. Please identify your current job responsibilities.**

4 A. In May 2022, I became the Senior Manager of PECO’s Gas Supply &  
5 Transportation Department. In this position, I manage all aspects of PECO’s natural  
6 gas supply acquisition portfolio including contract negotiation, administration and  
7 accounting, gas supply procurement, risk management, off-system sales and  
8 capacity release, and long and short-term supply planning. This includes  
9 management and optimization of upstream pipeline storage assets and pipeline  
10 transportation, as well as decisions on hedging strategies for future supplies. I am  
11 also responsible for reviewing all gas supply and capacity costs and providing  
12 testimony regarding all gas acquisition activities in the annual Pennsylvania Public  
13 Utility Commission (the “Commission”) Purchased Gas Cost Proceedings. In  
14 addition, I am also responsible for oversight of the high-volume transportation  
15 program and management of Federal Energy Regulatory issues impacting PECO  
16 Gas and its customers.

17 **II. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY**

18 **6. Q. What is the purpose of your Direct Testimony in this proceeding?**

19 A. The purpose of my Direct Testimony is to present the information required in  
20 Section 1317(a) of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code (the “Code”) (*See* 66 Pa.  
21 C.S.A. § 1317(a)) so that the Commission may make the findings required by  
22 Section 1318 of the Code (*See* 66 Pa. C.S.A. § 1318) for a determination that  
23 PECO’s PGC rates and charges for the historic period (April 1, 2024 through  
24 March 31, 2025), the estimated period (April 1, 2025 through November 30, 2025)

1 and the PGC application period (December 1, 2025 through November 30, 2026)  
2 are just and reasonable. To that end, I am sponsoring the information previously  
3 filed by the Company on April 30, 2025 (the “Advance Filing Information”) in  
4 support of this year’s purchased gas cost proceeding (“PGC 42”). Additionally, I  
5 will describe the Company’s natural gas purchase policies and practices, including  
6 PECO’s use of natural gas pipeline transportation and storage contracts, and set  
7 forth its plans for evaluating and continuing to incorporate Marcellus Shale  
8 production into its supply portfolio.

9 **7. Q. Are you sponsoring any exhibits?**

10 A. No, I am not sponsoring any exhibits. However, as previously mentioned, I am  
11 sponsoring the Advance Filing Information, which has been separated into Sections  
12 1 through 22, and which correspond, generally, to the PGC filing requirements set  
13 forth in 66 Pa. C.S.A § 1317.

14 **8. Q. Please provide a general description of PECO’s natural gas system.**

15 A. PECO’s natural gas system is located in Southeastern Pennsylvania and serves the  
16 four-county area surrounding, but not including, the City of Philadelphia and a  
17 portion of Lancaster County. Because this is not a natural gas-producing region,  
18 PECO and its natural gas customers depend on the interstate natural gas pipeline  
19 system to deliver natural gas into PECO’s distribution system. This dependency  
20 applies to all natural gas supplies, storage, and interstate transportation services,  
21 except for PECO’s two on-system peak-shaving facilities. For a schematic of  
22 PECO’s natural gas system, please refer to Section 13 of the Advance Filing  
23 Information.

1 **9. Q. Please identify PECO’s interstate transmission suppliers.**

2 A. Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (“Texas Eastern”), Transcontinental Gas Pipeline  
3 Corporation (“Transco”), Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company (“Eastern Shore”),  
4 and Adelpia Gateway are the four interstate natural gas pipelines that deliver  
5 natural gas directly to PECO’s city gates. In addition, Eastern Gas Transmission  
6 and Storage, Inc. (“EGTS”), Texas Eastern, and Transco also provide natural gas  
7 storage services, which PECO uses to meet winter daily and peaking requirements.  
8 In the case of EGTS’ storage service, intermediate transportation service from  
9 Texas Eastern is required to deliver the natural gas to PECO’s city gate.

10 **III. HISTORIC AND PROJECTED NATURAL GAS PURCHASES**

11 **10. Q. Please describe the information provided in Section 1 of the Advance Filing**  
12 **Information.**

13 A. The information provided in Section 1 of the Advance Filing Information accounts  
14 for all of the Company’s purchased natural gas costs during the period from  
15 January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025, and includes the source of the natural gas,  
16 the price and the associated volumes. This information also includes applicable  
17 rates, demand components, and incremental purchased natural gas costs associated  
18 with contracted interstate pipeline transportation and storage services. All costs  
19 detailed in Section 1 result from applying the Company’s policy to purchase natural  
20 gas on a basis that ensures system reliability at the least-cost.

21 **11. Q. During the past 12 months, did PECO purchase natural gas from any affiliated**  
22 **interest?**

23 A. No, PECO did not purchase natural gas from any affiliated interest during the past  
24 12 months.

1 **12. Q. Has PECO withheld or caused to be withheld from the market any natural gas**  
2 **supplies which should have been utilized as part of a least-cost fuel**  
3 **procurement policy?**

4 A. No. Because PECO is neither a natural gas producer nor a wholesale market  
5 participant of significant size or scope, it could not benefit from withholding any  
6 natural gas supplies from the market. For these same reasons, PECO has no market  
7 power in the pipeline capacity market. PECO only engages in purchases related to  
8 providing natural gas service to its retail customers and a small amount of off-  
9 system sales from which its retail customers derive substantial benefit.

10 **13. Q. Has PECO included in its PGC rates any purchased natural gas costs that**  
11 **should be charged to transportation customers?**

12 A. No. When a transportation customer uses PECO's purchased natural gas under Rate  
13 IS ("Interruptible Service"), these fuel costs are excluded from costs to be recovered  
14 from PECO's PGC customers. In addition, PECO provides Standby Sales Service  
15 for firm and interruptible transportation customers whereby those customers may  
16 purchase natural gas from the Company at the standard retail rate should a  
17 customer's supplier fail to deliver gas. The demand charge revenues derived from  
18 Standby Sales Service are credited toward recovery of purchased natural gas costs  
19 through the Section 1307(f) mechanism. If a firm transportation ("FT") customer  
20 fails to elect Standby Sales Service and nevertheless uses PECO's purchased  
21 natural gas to make up for deficient supplier deliveries, or if an interruptible  
22 customer consumes unauthorized volumes, the customer is charged tariff rates for

1 the natural gas used and assessed a penalty for the delivery deficiency. These  
2 penalty revenues are also credited to PECO's PGC customers.

3 **14. Q. Please describe the information provided in Sections 6 and 7 of the Advance**  
4 **Filing Information.**

5 A. Sections 6 and 7 of the Advance Filing Information provide the projected cost of  
6 purchasing natural gas for the estimated period (April 1, 2025 through November  
7 30, 2025) and the PGC application period (December 1, 2025 through November  
8 30, 2026), respectively. This information includes the expected source of the  
9 natural gas, the price, and the associated volumes. The projected purchases reflect  
10 the Company's policy to purchase natural gas on a basis that ensures system  
11 reliability at the least-cost. Sections 6 and 7 of the Advance Filing Information  
12 include all projected interstate pipeline costs, storage demand costs, variable  
13 storage and fuel-related costs, and commodity costs for the relevant time periods.  
14 As shown in Section 6 of the Advance Filing Information, the total projected cost  
15 applicable to the PGC for the estimated period is approximately \$178.390 million.  
16 As shown in Section 7 of the Advance Filing Information, the total projected cost  
17 applicable to the PGC for the application period is approximately \$416.639 million.

1           **IV.    DESIGN DAY REQUIREMENTS**

2   **15.    Q.    Have you provided an overview of the methodology the Company employs to**  
3           **determine design day requirements?**

4           A.    Yes. Details of PECO’s design day methodology and a description of its 2025-2026  
5           winter design day requirements are included in the updated Section 16 of the  
6           Advance Filing Information. As described in the updated Section 16, PECO’s  
7           supply resources, combined with peaking and delivered supply, will satisfy the  
8           Company’s design day requirement of 919,144 Mcf for the 2025-2026 winter  
9           season.

10   **16.    Q.    Is PECO proposing a change to its design day as a result of its experience**  
11           **during the 2024-2025 winter season?**

12           A.    No. PECO’s design day methodology, as well as system performance this past  
13           winter, supports the continued use of a zero degree design day.

14           **V.    PECO’S NATURAL GAS PURCHASE POLICIES AND PRACTICES**

15   **17.    Q.    Does PECO pursue a least-cost procurement policy?**

16           A.    Yes, it does.

17   **18.    Q.    Please describe PECO’s least-cost procurement policy.**

18           A.    PECO’s natural gas procurement policy is designed to achieve a reasonable balance  
19           of long- and short-term natural gas purchases under different pricing approaches,  
20           in order to achieve system supply reliability at the least-cost. As previously  
21           discussed, the details of PECO’s actual natural gas purchases for the fifteen (15)  
22           months ending March 31, 2025 and its estimated purchases through November 30,  
23           2026, are presented in the Advance Filing Information (Sections 1, 6 and 7). PECO

1 utilizes its interstate transportation and storage entitlements to obtain and deliver  
2 market-priced supplies to the PECO natural gas distribution system.

3 **19. Q. Please explain the practical implementation of the policy.**

4 A. PECO manages its least-cost procurement strategy through purchases made under  
5 long-term (more than one month), such as purchases made in conjunction with the  
6 Ratable Hedging Program, and short-term (one month or less) contracts, and on the  
7 daily spot market. Purchases made under long- and short-term contracts generally  
8 use two pricing mechanisms: (1) daily or first-of-the-month indices; and  
9 (2) adjusted New York Mercantile Exchange (“NYMEX”) futures pricing. Index-  
10 based pricing refers to the use of either a first-of-the-month index at a particular  
11 location, such as the index published in the *Inside FERC Gas Market Report*, or a  
12 daily index at a particular location, such as those published in *Gas Daily*. NYMEX  
13 futures pricing refers to the use of a selection of monthly natural gas futures prices  
14 from a NYMEX futures contract pricing screen, or a monthly NYMEX settlement  
15 price, plus or minus a negotiated locational basis. PECO receives bids from  
16 suppliers for the lowest basis numbers, which, when added to the applicable  
17 NYMEX futures price or NYMEX settlement price, affords PECO the least-cost  
18 natural gas price at its city gate.

19 Spot purchases are made at either a daily index or a fixed price. PECO also  
20 uses Requests for Proposals (“RFPs”) to obtain least-cost bids for natural gas  
21 supplies. In this process, the bids may or may not contain a premium or discount  
22 depending on the market and time of year.

1                    Additionally, PECO continued and extended its Ratable Hedging Program  
2 as authorized by the Joint Petition for Complete Settlement in last year's PGC  
3 proceeding at Docket No. R-2024-3048767.

4 **20. Q. Why does PECO employ a variety of pricing approaches rather than just one?**

5 A. PECO uses different pricing approaches to reduce the price volatility risk associated  
6 with using only one approach. The flexibility of using different pricing methods  
7 has enabled PECO to diversify its natural gas-purchasing portfolio. By employing  
8 these various options, PECO reasonably limits its exposure to intra-month, monthly  
9 and seasonal pricing volatility.

10 **21. Q. What other methods does PECO use to mitigate its exposure to price  
11 volatility?**

12 A. One additional method PECO uses to mitigate its exposure to price volatility is to  
13 use its interstate transportation contracts for supply purchases from geographically  
14 diverse locations that have substantial liquidity. This allows PECO the flexibility  
15 to analyze the market and optimize its purchases to reduce the price of natural gas  
16 delivered to its city gate, considering both commodity and transportation costs.  
17 PECO's interstate transportation capacity ensures access to supplies from the Gulf  
18 of Mexico, mid-continent, and the Appalachian region, which includes Marcellus  
19 Shale natural gas supplies from Pennsylvania and other Marcellus Shale natural  
20 gas-producing areas.

21                    PECO also mitigates its exposure to price volatility by using its interstate  
22 pipeline storage entitlements. In addition to providing a source of wintertime  
23 deliverability, access to pipeline storage allows PECO to purchase natural gas

1 during the summer period. The natural gas procured in the summer period can be  
2 redelivered during periods of strong demand, when prices could potentially be  
3 higher (typically, the winter period). However, summer prices for natural gas are  
4 not always predictably lower than winter prices.

5 **22. Q. Does storage provide PECO with a substantial source of supply?**

6 A. Yes. As shown in Sections 16 and 22 of the Advance Filing Information, 26.48%  
7 of the Company's required design day supply, which equates to 241,729 Mcf, will  
8 be received via delivery from contracted underground storage. In addition, LNG,  
9 propane, and delivered peaking services combine to represent about 27.34% of the  
10 required design day supply. Accordingly, as shown in Sections 16 and 22 of the  
11 Advance Filing Information, 190,000 Mcf are available from LNG, 24,838 Mcf are  
12 available from propane, and 34,726 Mcf are available from delivered hedged  
13 contracts.<sup>1</sup> Overall, the use of storage and LNG enables PECO to substantially  
14 mitigate its exposure to the price volatility that typically occurs during the winter,  
15 while ensuring sufficient deliverability to meet firm demand.

16 PECO plans to fill its contracted storage to approximately ninety-five  
17 percent (95%) of capacity, in the aggregate, by October 31 of each year. For a  
18 typical winter, PECO reduces the inventory of natural gas in its contracted storage  
19 to approximately 20% of capacity by March 31 of each year. Additionally, PECO  
20 can store 1.2 Bcf of natural gas at its on-system LNG facility, which is filled to  
21 capacity during the summer liquefaction season.

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<sup>1</sup> For the upcoming 2025-2026 winter, PECO, through its approved hedging program, will enter into fixed price delivered supply contracts equal to 36,000 Dth/day.

1 **23. Q. Are there limitations on PECO's source of supply from its LNG facility, its**  
2 **propane facility, or contracted storage?**

3 A. Yes, there are certain system operational factors the Company must consider when  
4 using LNG, propane, or storage supply. The LNG, propane, and contracted  
5 underground storage tanks are filled during the summer months, and the natural gas  
6 in those tanks must last through the winter months (November – March). The  
7 Company closely monitors LNG, propane, and storage inventory, especially from  
8 November through January, to ensure our ability to meet customer needs through  
9 the winter and early spring.

10 **24. Q. Please explain PECO's strategy to ensure system reliability.**

11 A. PECO's reliability strategy is two-fold. First, PECO must ensure that sufficient  
12 capacity exists to satisfy design day deliverability requirements. This capacity is  
13 diversified into three categories: (1) pipeline FT capacity; (2) pipeline storage  
14 capacity; and (3) peaking capacity. Peaking capacity refers to PECO's LNG  
15 facility, propane-air facility, and contracted peaking services with reliable third-  
16 party suppliers.

17 Second, PECO must ensure that a firm source of supply exists to utilize the  
18 capacity resources described above. PECO ensures the availability of firm supplies  
19 through its contractual arrangements with its suppliers. PECO subjects all potential  
20 counterparties to a credit analysis. If the credit analysis deems the counterparty  
21 acceptable, PECO will negotiate a NAESB Agreement with the counterparty,  
22 which enables PECO to procure natural gas at competitive prices for its PGC  
23 customers.

1 **25. Q. What was PECO’s experience regarding meeting customer demand this**  
 2 **past winter?**

3 A. As illustrated in Table SA-1 below, PECO experienced a winter that was overall,  
 4 by degree day, 3.7% warmer than a normal winter. December through  
 5 February were colder than normal, and November and March were significantly  
 6 warmer than normal which was offset by the colder than normal temperatures in  
 7 December through February.<sup>2</sup> Variations from normal weather by season, month,  
 8 or day present balancing challenges. These challenges can be exacerbated by  
 9 certain factors. For example, on warmer than normal days, the challenges can be  
 10 made worse by the increase in firm supply receipts associated with the LVT Gas  
 11 Choice program and the Company’s Ratable Hedging Program, and on colder than  
 12 normal days, by exposure to market area price volatility and limited LNG, propane  
 13 and underground storage inventory. PECO utilized its balancing assets, such as  
 14 contracted storage, as well as its daily load balancing processes to minimize costs  
 15 this past winter.

16 **Table SA-1**

| Heating Degree Days (HDD) |          |          |         |          |       |       |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|---------|----------|-------|-------|
|                           | November | December | January | February | March | Total |
|                           | 2024     | 2024     | 2025    | 2025     | 2025  |       |
| HDD Normal                | 511      | 799      | 952     | 799      | 636   | 3,697 |
| HDD Actual                | 397      | 813      | 1066    | 809      | 476   | 3,561 |
| Difference                | -114     | 14       | 114     | 10       | -160  | -136  |
| HDD vs Normal             | -22.3%   | 1.8%     | 12.0%   | 1.3%     | 25.2% | -3.7% |

<sup>2</sup> PECO defines a normal winter as 3,854 heating degree days (“HDD”).

1 **Q. Was there any impact on PECO’s contracted supply, or on the operation of the**  
2 **Company’s on-system propane or LNG facilities for the duration of the winter**  
3 **weather period?**

4 A. No. PECO did not experience any interruptions or reductions in its contracted  
5 natural gas deliveries. Although the winter was relatively warm, the Company’s  
6 propane and LNG facilities were available to operate in a safe and efficient manner  
7 if needed; supplies from those assets remain crucial in allowing the Company to  
8 meet the high customer demand experienced during the normal winter weather  
9 periods.

10 **26. Q. Did PECO enter into any Off-System Sales during the most recent winter**  
11 **season where the purchase price exceeded the sales price? If so, please explain.**

12 A. No.

13 **27. Q. Did the past winter result in any new records for the Company’s natural gas**  
14 **system sendouts?**

15 A. Yes. For context, Table SA-2 below provides the top 20 highest sendout days in the  
16 Company’s history.

**Table SA-2**

| Rank | System Sendout MCF | Plant Sendout MCF | Date                        | Airport Temperature | Wind Speed |
|------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| 1    | 800,927            | 775,393           | Saturday, January 06, 2018  | 11                  | 13         |
| 2    | 791,455            | 770,593           | Tuesday, January 21, 2025   | 15                  | 8          |
| 3    | 790,627            | 763,764           | Friday, January 05, 2018    | 12                  | 21         |
| 4    | 782,361            | 757,668           | Monday, January 21, 2019    | 16                  | 13         |
| 5    | 779,550            | 754,130           | Thursday, January 31, 2019  | 15                  | 13         |
| 6    | 778,349            | 757,766           | Sunday, February 15, 2015   | 10                  | 20         |
| 7    | 776,980            | 750,804           | Sunday, December 31, 2017   | 12                  | 10         |
| 8    | 773,696            | 752,455           | Wednesday, January 22, 2025 | 16                  | 3          |
| 9    | 770,605            | 749,103           | Friday, February 01, 2019   | 15                  | 13         |
| 10   | 767,421            | 740,109           | Thursday, February 19, 2015 | 11                  | 19         |
| 11   | 766,103            | 740,745           | Wednesday, January 30, 2019 | 14                  | 13         |
| 12   | 761,932            | 748,146           | Saturday, December 24, 2022 | 18                  | 19         |
| 13   | 759,549            | 726,625           | Tuesday, January 07, 2014   | 11                  | 14         |
| 14   | 748,912            | 730,867           | Saturday, January 29, 2022  | 18                  | 16         |
| 15   | 748,059            | 722,740           | Thursday, January 04, 2018  | 19                  | 22         |
| 16   | 746,011            | 727,121           | Monday, January 01, 2018    | 16                  | 13         |
| 17   | 738,801            | 715,769           | Friday, February 20, 2015   | 14                  | 8          |
| 18   | 736,728            | 717,743           | Monday, January 20, 2025    | 17                  | 12         |
| 19   | 735,540            | 714,085           | Saturday, January 15, 2022  | 19                  | 10         |
| 20   | 731,348            | 707,044           | Tuesday, January 02, 2018   | 20                  | 9          |

1 **28. Q: Did PECO incur any pipeline penalties this past year?**

2 A. No, PECO did not incur any pipeline penalties this past year.

3 **29. Q. Did PECO’s supply contracts perform as required during the winter of 2025-**  
4 **2026?**

5 A. Yes. For the winter of 2025-2026, all natural gas scheduled under PECO’s supply  
6 contracts was delivered to PECO’s city gate.

7 **30. Q. Based on its experience in recent winters, is PECO considering any changes to**  
8 **its natural gas supply portfolio?**

9 A. Yes. While the Company believes that its current mix of FT, firm storage, propane,  
10 LNG, and delivered peaking contracted services provides adequate peaking  
11 capacity to ensure the system reliability necessary to meet peak demand in a safe,  
12 least-cost manner at present, PECO continues to analyze supply portfolio and on-

1 system LNG solutions to address observations from experiences these past few  
2 winters, as well as for peak-day demand projections. Although this past winter was  
3 relatively mild, the Company's projected growth in design day and overall demand  
4 supports the Company's continuing review of how to best manage its natural gas  
5 supply portfolio. To that end, PECO has continued its examination of potential  
6 long- and short-term solutions to assist in meeting customer demand during the  
7 heating season, including peak-day demand. The results of this examination are  
8 discussed below in response to Questions 34 through 36.

9 **31. Q. Please provide an update on the steps the Company took to ensure availability**  
10 **of supply for the winter of 2024-2025.**

11 A. As described in the Direct Testimony in PECO's prior PGC proceedings,<sup>3</sup> PECO  
12 continues to analyze and adopt multiple solutions to procure reliable, least-cost  
13 assets for both the short- and long-term peak day supply deficits. To that end, to  
14 ensure the availability of winter delivery services for the winter of 2024-2025 (as  
15 explained at page 2 of Section 22 of the Advance Filing Information in PGC 41  
16 (Docket No. R-2024-3048767)), PECO took the following steps to acquire the  
17 25,745 Dth needed:

- 18 • PECO procured 30,000 Dth/day of delivered supply via the Company's  
19 approved Ratable Hedging program., leaving us with a surplus of 4,255 Dth

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<sup>3</sup> See Direct Testimony of Carlos P. Thillet (PGC 35 through 38) and Direct Testimony of Scott J. Hughes (PGC 39).

1 **32. Q. Did PECO purchase any trucked LNG or propane under the aforementioned**  
2 **call options and if so, why?**

3 A. No, PECO did not purchase any trucked LNG or propane under the aforementioned  
4 call options.

5 **33. Q. How does the Company plan to ensure availability of supply for the winter of**  
6 **2025-2026?**

7 A. PECO will utilize both short- and long-term solutions to address its supply needs  
8 for the winter of 2025-2026. As to the short-term solutions, similar to previous  
9 winters, PECO will depend on delivered supply in order to meet part of its design  
10 day requirements.<sup>4</sup> PECO has taken the following steps to ensure the availability  
11 of the 42,556 Dth/day of required delivered supply:

12 • PECO will procure 36,000 Dth/day of delivered supply via the Company's  
13 Ratable Hedging program.

14 In addition, PECO will take the following steps to obtain the remainder of  
15 the delivered natural gas resources needed:

16 • On or before July 1, 2025, PECO will issue a notice of Additional Capacity  
17 Constraints, as explained in the Company's DSO program, which is  
18 anticipated to produce a similar yield as in prior years.

19 • PECO will issue an RFP for delivered supply equal to the total winter  
20 delivered resources required, less the supply procured under the ratable  
21 hedging program and DSO program participation listed above.

22 **34. Q. Please describe the actions PECO is pursuing to address the longer term peak**  
23 **day requirements through the winter of 2034-2035.**

24 A. To reduce reliance on delivered supply, the Company continues to investigate  
25 longer term solutions. The objectives of the longer-term solution are to provide

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<sup>4</sup> PECO's design day requirements can be found at page 2 of Section 22 of the Advance Filing Information.

1 PECO with a least-cost, reliable source of supply enabling the Company to meet its  
2 firm demand, eliminate the peak-day supply gap while providing deliveries to  
3 PECO gate stations, and further eliminating exposure to market area price volatility.  
4 To that end, PECO is currently involved in two projects that will aid it in meeting  
5 its long-term supply objectives.

6 First, PECO has continued its evaluation of participation in pipeline open  
7 seasons as a way of securing additional cost-effective FT to PECO's City Gate. As  
8 discussed below (and also in the Company's response to Question 11, PECO  
9 Statement No. 3, the Direct Testimony of Blerina Gaba-Teme), PECO continues to  
10 evaluate pipeline open seasons and capacity made available via permanent capacity  
11 releases to determine if any new, cost-effective, firm natural gas transportation  
12 source to PECO's city gate become available.

13 Second, as discussed in the Direct Testimony of Scott J. Hughes in PGC 39,  
14 and in detail in the Direct Testimony of Carlos P. Thillet submitted in PGC 32  
15 through PGC 38, PECO has continued its LNG investment and continues to take  
16 actions that will lead to increasing LNG Vaporization capability at the Company's  
17 West Conshohocken facility from 160,000 Mcf/day to 220,000 Mcf/day, directly  
18 reducing reliance on delivered supply. The Natural Gas Reliability Project, of  
19 which the increased LNG Vaporization capability is a part, is also discussed in  
20 depth in the Direct Testimony of Carlos P. Thillet (PECO Statement No. 2) in  
21 Docket No. P-2021-3024328.<sup>5</sup> In that proceeding, PECO explained the need for the

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<sup>5</sup> PECO filed its Petition for a Finding of Necessity on May 14, 2021. A copy of the Direct Testimony in Docket No. P-2021-3024328, which is confidential, will be made available upon request and execution of a confidentiality agreement acceptable to PECO.

Natural Gas Reliability Project from the standpoint of ensuring the reliability of PECO's natural gas supply to meet design day requirements-

**35. Q. How will the actions taken by PECO described above reduce the currently projected deficit between currently contracted-for pipeline storage and FT deliveries, as well as LNG and propane capacity and peak day demand requirements?**

A. First, for reference, Table SA-3 provides a comparison of projected design day demand compared to current and planned future assets.

**Table SA-3**

| DESIGN DAY DEMAND VS ASSETS (Dth/D) |                   |                        |         |       |  |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------|-------|--|
| WINTER                              | DESIGN DAY DEMAND | PROJECTED TOTAL ASSETS | GAP     | % GAP | Notes  |
| 2025-2026                           | 952,877           | 946,321                | -6,556  | -1%   | Assets equal current Pipeline FT and Storage deliveries plus PECO LNG and Propane vaporization assets. Includes Hedged Gas for executed contracts of 36,000 Dth/d. |
| 2026-2027                           | 991,000           | 946,321                | -44,679 | -5%   | Assets at steady state   |
| 2027-2028                           | 1,001,000         | 946,321                | -54,679 | -5%   |  |
| 2028-2029                           | 1,017,000         | 946,321                | -70,679 | -7%   |  |
| 2029-2030                           | 1,026,000         | 946,321                | -79,679 | -8%   |  |
| 2030-2031                           | 1,027,000         | 946,321                | -80,679 | -8%   |  |
| 2031-2032                           | 1,028,000         | 946,321                | -81,679 | -8%   |  |
| 2032-2033                           | 1,029,000         | 946,321                | -82,679 | -8%   |  |
| 2033-2034                           | 1,030,000         | 946,321                | -83,679 | -8%   |  |
| 2034-2035                           | 1,031,000         | 946,321                | -84,679 | -8%   |  |

1                   The projected total assets for the winter of 2025-2026 include all of PECO's  
2                   current firm assets, which increase by 36,000 Dth/day beginning in the winter of  
3                   2025-2026.

4                   The acquisition of these firm assets will result in the elimination of the  
5                   current firm gap between total assets and design day demand of 1%. By the winter  
6                   of 2026-2027, PECO is projecting to have a deficit beyond the projected design day  
7                   of -5%. PECO plans to meet this deficit through the hedging program which may  
8                   also result in supplemental capacity, which will better enable the Company to serve  
9                   its customers should future instances occur where any of the interstate pipelines  
10                  delivering supply to PECO's service area are subjected to equipment failures,  
11                  integrity concerns, or other obstacles or force majeure events that prevent them  
12                  from meeting their contracted obligations during periods of high natural gas  
13                  demand. Supplemental capacity would also provide a degree of flexibility to ensure  
14                  deliverability and help to lessen exposure to market area price volatility.

15   **VI.   REGIONAL AND SUSTAINABLE NATURAL GAS ACQUISITION STRATEGY**

16   **36.   Q.    Has the Company purchased any natural gas produced in Marcellus Shale**  
17           **regions?**

18           A.   Yes. PECO has purchased natural gas from Marcellus Shale production areas. Since  
19           2010, PECO has incorporated increasing quantities of locally produced Marcellus  
20           Shale natural gas into its portfolio of supply assets. The only supply PECO  
21           purchases that it presumes is not from the Marcellus production regions are those  
22           necessary for injections into its WSS storage contract, located upstream on

1 Transco’s main line.<sup>6</sup> PECO uses its FT contracts to purchase and transport natural  
2 gas primarily from both the Southwestern and the Northeastern/Leidy production  
3 areas in Pennsylvania.

4 PECO projects that most of its purchases going forward, other than those  
5 needed to refill its Transco WSS storage contract located in the Gulf Area storage,  
6 will be made at pooling points inside of Pennsylvania. PECO, however, remains  
7 mindful of its obligation to seek the least-cost natural gas for its customers. As such,  
8 it retains the ability to adjust its purchase points to coincide with changes to industry  
9 fundamentals should those changes affect the cost of natural gas in different  
10 locations.

11 **37. Q. Please describe any steps the Company has taken to Acquire Renewable**  
12 **Natural Gas (RNG).**

13 A. PECO has continued to pursue a strategy to support the growth of Renewable  
14 Natural Gas (“RNG”) production and secure a reliable source of natural gas supply  
15 onto PECO’s distribution system at market-based prices. PECO is actively  
16 supporting a RNG project being developed by a third party and has completed the  
17 appropriate feasibility study to assess whether the project can safely deliver natural  
18 gas into PECO’s distribution system. PECO is currently working through the  
19 necessary technical and contractual details required to potentially finalize an  
20 interconnection agreement. As previously noted in prior PGC filings, while PECO  
21 does not intend to pay a premium for, or otherwise acquire, the environmental

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<sup>6</sup> Due to the location of certain purchase receipt points, the Company reasonably assumes they are supported by Marcellus Shale gas produced in Pennsylvania. However, the Company is not privy to pipeline information regarding physical flows to the well head. Nor does the Company’s least-cost obligation to its firm customers require it to request such proof from its counterparties.

1 attributes of the RNG delivered into its system as natural gas, PECO would like  
2 maximum flexibility to pursue sources of RNG production that would be most  
3 advantageous to PECO's PGC customers.

4 Per the PGC 41 Settlement, if PECO were to acquire RNG, it committed to  
5 do so in a manner that is consistent with the Company's least-cost procurement  
6 strategy for natural gas, *e.g.*, it would pursue the least cost RNG, and would  
7 undertake commercially reasonable efforts to minimize the cost impact to PECO'S  
8 PGC customers from the costs associated with purchasing RNG.

9 **VII. CONCLUSION**

10 **38. Q. Does this conclude your Direct Testimony?**

11 A. Yes, it does.