

BACKGROUND

LIHEAP Data Sharing

On June 13, 2024, the Commission entered an Order at Docket No. M-2023-3038944 encouraging all public utilities to participate in LIHEAP data sharing and provided guidance on how they should participate. The Commission also directed public utilities participating in LIHEAP data sharing to file a letter in response to the Commission's recommendations. June 2024 Order at 3.

On July 31, 2024, PECO filed a letter at Docket No. M-2018-3005795 reflecting its proposed plans for LIHEAP data sharing. On September 9, 2024, the Commission's Bureau of Consumer Services (BCS) issued a Secretarial Letter at Docket Nos. M-2018-3005795 and M-2023-3038944 finding PECO's letter substantially compliant with the Commission's June 2024 Order. However, BCS encouraged PECO to remove the CAP application requirement for households participating in LIHEAP data sharing who wish to enroll in CAP. September 2024 Secretarial Letter at 4-5.

PECO's September 2025 Petition

On September 17, 2025, PECO filed and served a Proposed Fifth Amended 2019 USECP with revisions based on the Commission's LIHEAP data sharing recommendations, PECO's 2024 electric and gas base rate proceedings (Docket Nos. R-2024-3046931 and R-2024-3046932, respectively), and other proceedings that impacted PECO's universal service programs.

On September 29, 2025, the Tenant Union Representative Network (TURN) and the Coalition for Affordable Utility Services and Energy Efficiency in Pennsylvania

(CAUSE-PA) filed a joint Answer requesting that the Commission reject the Proposed Fifth Amended 2019 USECP due to the provision proposing that LIHEAP recipients who consented to data sharing would still have to complete a CAP application prior to enrollment in CAP. TURN/CAUSE-PA Answer at 3. On November 4, 2025, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a letter supporting the TURN/CAUSE-PA recommendation. OCA Letter at 2.

On November 7, 2025, PECO filed a response to the TURN/CAUSE-PA Letter asserting that the CAP application serves as its mechanism for obtaining informed consent and that no changes to this procedure are warranted. PECO Response at 2.

On January 15, 2026, the Commission entered an Order that directed PECO to consult with its Universal Services Advisory Committee (USAC) to develop a new procedure to obtain informed consent for LIHEAP data sharing participants who want to enroll in CAP that does not require completing a new application. PECO was also directed to file an amended 2019 USECP with this new procedure within 60 days from the entry date of the January 2026 Order. January 2026 Order at 11, 14-15, OP #2 & OP #3.

MARCH 2026 PETITION

PECO reports that it consulted with its USAC on February 11, 2026 to develop a process beginning with the 2026-2027 LIHEAP season to use an Informed Consent Form for LIHEAP data sharing participants who want to enroll in PECO's CAP. PECO states that its CAP application will include a section where customers can specify if they consented to have DHS share their income information. Beginning with the 2026-2027 LIHEAP season, LIHEAP data sharing customers can submit a signed Informed Consent Form instead of completing a CAP application and providing household income verification documentation. PECO indicates that it will also include the Informed

Consent Form with its Auto-Solicitation mailing sent to LIHEAP recipients not in CAP that can be used by DHS data sharing customers to request CAP enrollment. Signed Informed Consent Forms can be returned via U.S. mail, fax, or email. Further, PECO states that income eligible PECO customers previously removed from CAP can submit a completed CAP application or an Informed Consent Form to re-enroll in CAP. Proposed Sixth Amended 2019 USECP at 6-8.

DISCUSSION

We find that PECO has met our directive that it consult with its USAC regarding the LIHEAP data sharing and CAP enrollment. We find PECO's proposal to obtain informed consent through a signed form to be a reasonable alternative to requiring LIHEAP data sharing participants to complete a CAP application. Further, this process is similar to Philadelphia Gas Works' current practice of obtaining informed consent, which the Commission finds less burdensome to customers than completing a new application. *See* January 2026 Order at 10-11. Accordingly, PECO's proposed Informed Consent Form process as presented in its Proposed Sixth Amended 2019 USECP is approved.

CONCLUSION

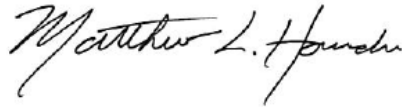
For the reasons set forth above, PECO's March 2026 Petition and Proposed Sixth Amended 2019 USECP is hereby approved; **THEREFORE,**

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Petition by PECO Energy Company to amend its 2019-2028 Universal Service and Energy Conservation Plan filed on March 12, 2026, at Docket Nos. M-2018-3005795 and P-2026-3061079, is approved.

2. That the contact person for this Order is Jennifer Johnson, Bureau of Consumer Services, jennifjohn@pa.gov.

BY THE COMMISSION,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Matthew L. Homsher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Matthew L. Homsher
Secretary

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ORDER ADOPTED: April 30, 2026

ORDER ENTERED: April 30, 2026