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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street
P.O. Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

**Re: PECO Energy Company – General Base Rate Filing For Electric Operations
Docket No. R-2018-3000164**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

INTRODUCTION AND CONTENTS OF THE FILING

Pursuant to Section 1308 of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 1308, enclosed for filing on behalf of PECO Energy Company (“PECO” or the “Company”) is PECO’s Tariff Electric – Pa. P.U.C. No. 6 (“Tariff No. 6”). Tariff No. 6 sets forth proposed rates designed to produce an increase in the Company’s annual distribution revenue of approximately \$82 million based on data for a fully projected future test year ending December 31, 2019.

PECO’s proposed rate increase reflects \$71 million savings in 2019 from changes in federal income tax law made by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the “TCJA”), which became effective on January 1, 2018. PECO is also proposing to refund the amount of PECO’s reduced tax expense from the TCJA in 2018 to customers (which PECO projects to be approximately \$68 million under its existing rates) expeditiously through a reconcilable surcharge mechanism proposed as part of these proceedings.

Tariff No. 6 contains revisions in, additions to, and deletions from, certain Rules and Regulations, rate schedules and riders in the Company’s currently effective tariff. Tariff No. 6 also bears an issue date of March 29, 2018, and an effective date of May 28, 2018.

Along with Tariff No. 6, the Company is filing all the supporting data required by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission’s (“PUC” or “Commission”) regulations at 52 Pa. Code §§ 53.52 – 53.53, including the written direct testimony of eight witnesses, who are identified in PECO Statement No. 1, the Direct Testimony of Michael A. Innocenzo. A summary of the reasons for the proposed rate increase is set forth in the Company’s Statement of Specific Reasons for Proposed Increase in Electric Rates.

The Company is filing one complete hard copy and one electronic copy, on the enclosed CD, of its entire filing.

COUNSEL OF RECORD AND SERVICE ON THE COMPANY

PECO will be represented by the following counsel in this proceeding:

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PECO's attorneys are authorized to accept service on behalf of the Company in this proceeding. PECO requests that the Commission and all parties serve copies of all documents in this proceeding on its attorneys.

USE OF ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION

PECO hereby advises the Commission that it has elected to use the alternative method of customer notification set forth in the Commission's regulations at 52 Pa. Code § 53.45(b)(4). Consequently, as required by that regulation, PECO will notify its customers of the proposed rate increase through bill inserts along with paid advertisements in major local newspapers.¹ PECO also agrees to extend from 60 to 90 days the minimum period within which the filing of a complaint places the burden of proof upon the Company with respect to proposed rates, pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 53.45(b)(4)(vi).

¹ In addition, PECO is posting notice of this filing at its Company headquarters pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 53.45(b)(1), posting the filing to its website, and issuing a news release describing the proposed changes to local newspapers and to local radio and television stations, pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 53.45(b)(2).

**REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT
OF PROPRIETARY INFORMATION**

Certain Company responses to Commission filing requirements contain information that PECO considers to be proprietary and confidential. These pages have been marked *Confidential*, are enclosed in separate envelopes and have not been included in the electronic version of the filing.

PECO requests that the copies of the material that have been marked *Confidential* and are contained in the envelopes similarly marked *Confidential* be treated confidentially by the Commission, including its various Offices and Bureaus. In particular, the Company requests that the *Confidential* material be excluded from the Commission's public document folder and not otherwise be disclosed to the public. PECO intends to request the entry of an appropriate Protective Order from the presiding Administrative Law Judge(s) to maintain the confidentiality of such material if it is to be provided to parties in this case.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

As indicated on the attached Certificate of Service, the Company has served copies of this filing on the Commission's Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, the Office of Consumer Advocate, and the Office of Small Business Advocate. The Company is also providing courtesy copies of the filing to the Commission's Law Bureau (Bohdan P. Pankiw, Chief Counsel), Office of Special Assistants (Cheryl Walker Davis, Director), and Bureau of Technical Utility Services (Paul T. Diskin, Director).

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures

- c: Certificate of Service (w/encls.)
 - Gladys M. Brown, Chairman (w/encls.)
 - Andrew G. Place, Vice Chairman (w/encls.)
 - John F. Coleman, Commissioner (w/encls.)
 - David W. Sweet, Commissioner (w/encls.)
 - Norman J. Kennard, Commissioner (w/encls.)