

December 13, 2022

Donna Cooper
Region President
Pepco
701 9th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Ms. Cooper,

We, the undersigned, applaud Pepco's stated commitment to 'supporting the District of Columbia's climate change, clean energy, inclusive innovation and resilience goals, making it the greenest, healthiest and most livable city in the United States.'

Unfortunately, the timing and content of Pepco's September 14th letter to DC Construction Codes Coordinating Board (CCCCB) Chair Gurkin, as well as Pepco's October 20th email, had the effect of sowing doubt among board members in Pepco's core ability to handle electrification of new commercial buildings in the District.

We understand that following the CCCC vote, Pepco clarified that it did not oppose the TAG's proposal for electrification, nor did Pepco propose any amendments. However unintentional the planting of doubt regarding Pepco's ability to perform may have been, the resulting doubt still had an impact on the code development process and the District's trajectory towards carbon neutrality.

Consequently, we ask that Pepco clearly and unequivocally communicate at the December CCCC meeting that it can and will support the electrification of new commercial buildings in the District. Anything less than a clear statement of unambiguous support for Pepco's role in meeting the District's climate commitments would be inappropriate and irresponsible, and could warrant consideration of the District's statutory power to establish an authority to enact the legally required energy transition. Conversely, such clarification by Pepco may prompt the board to move towards approval of the proposed all-electric new construction code necessary for the District to meet its obligations under DC's [Climate Commitment Amendment Act of 2022](#).

We trust that Pepco will publicly clarify its position and embrace the role of a leader among electric utilities helping communities achieve climate, equity, health and resiliency commitments.

Thank you in advance for your leadership.

Sincerely,

AllenBuilt
American Institute of Architects, DC Chapter
Bell Architects*
Chesapeake Climate Action Network
Classic Heating and Cooling
DC Commission on Climate Change and Resiliency
DC Environmental Network
Engenium Group
Green Generation
Grid2.0 Working Group
HOK
Integral Group
Institute for Market Transformation
Interfaith Power and Light
Metropolitan Engineering
Mid Atlantic Aerobarrier
Moms Clean Air Force
Nature Forward (formerly Audubon Naturalist Society)
Neighborhood Sun
Peabody Fine Architects*
Perkins Eastman
Sierra Club DC Chapter
SmithGroup
Sunrise Movement GW
Wiencek and Associates Architects
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Billy Grayson, *Green Building Advisory Council Member*
James Hansen, *DC Green and Energy Code TAG Member*
Anica Landreneau, *DC Green and Energy Codes TAG Member, Green Building Advisory Council Member, BEPS Task Force Co-Chair*
Cliff Majersik, *Green Building Advisory Council Member, BEPS Task Force Member*
Brad McNiff, *DC Green and Energy Code TAG Member*
Linda Toth, *Green Building Advisory Council Member*

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Harrison Miller, Building Industry-Residential and Multi-Family
Marc Fetterman, Architectural Design Profession
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