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Delaware Riverkeeper Network Joins Earth Quaker Action Team to Demand Solar Expansion and Local Investment by PECO

Philadelphia, PA – Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN) joined forces today with the Earth Quaker Action Team (EQAT) to demand that PECO expand its solar development portfolio and stimulate local jobs installing solar energy systems, beginning with North Philadelphia and expanding into other high unemployment areas.

“PECO has the capital and the technical resources to support a robust solar jobs program. All they need to do now is engage with EQAT and Philadelphia’s residents and community-based programs to achieve greater solar energy goals. This is essential as the City faces a pressing need for clean and efficient energy that supports healthy communities and jobs, and sustainable economic development,” said Tracy Carluccio, Deputy Director, Delaware Riverkeeper Network.

Philadelphia has a substantial capacity for solar energy production and PECO, as a major distribution company, has the ability to increase its contribution of solar far beyond the minimal goals set by state regulatory standards. Pennsylvania generates more total electricity than other states in the PJM grid, yet its alternative energy targets are less than other states in the grid. And most of that “alternative energy” was not solar and even contains some fossil fuel (such as coal waste).

PECO can do much better in terms of fostering energy that is clean and efficient and can help the state surge ahead in renewable energy production by supporting a robust and industrious program to install solar on local roofs employing local firms and residents. EQAT has laid out a clean energy path with profound social and economic benefits that PECO should wholeheartedly adopt.

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