WHEREAS, the U.S. Conference of Mayors has previously adopted strong policy resolutions calling for cities, communities and the federal government to take actions to reduce global warming pollution; and

WHEREAS, the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the international community's most respected assemblage of scientists, has found that climate disruption is a reality and that human activities are largely responsible for increasing concentrations of global warming pollution; and

WHEREAS, recent, well-documented impacts of climate disruption include average global sea level increases of four to eight inches during the 20th century; a 40 percent decline in Arctic sea-ice thickness; and nine of the ten hottest years on record occurring in the past decade; and

WHEREAS, climate disruption of the magnitude now predicted by the scientific community will cause extremely costly disruption of human and natural systems throughout the world including: increased risk of floods or droughts; sea-level rises that interact with coastal storms to erode beaches, inundate land, and damage structures; more frequent and extreme heat waves; more frequent and greater concentrations of smog; and

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2005, the Kyoto Protocol, an international agreement to address climate disruption, went into effect in the 141 countries that have ratified it to date; 38 of those countries are now legally required to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on average 5.2 percent below 1990 levels by 2012; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America, with less than five percent of the world's population, is responsible for producing approximately 25 percent of the world's global warming pollutants; and

WHEREAS, the Kyoto Protocol emissions reduction target for the U.S. would have been 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012; and

WHEREAS, many leading US companies that have adopted greenhouse gas reduction programs to demonstrate corporate social responsibility have also publicly expressed preference for the US to adopt precise and mandatory emissions targets and timetables as a means by which to remain competitive in the international marketplace, to mitigate financial risk and to promote sound investment decisions; and

WHEREAS, state and local governments throughout the United States are adopting emission reduction targets and programs and that this leadership is bipartisan, coming from Republican and Democratic governors and mayors alike; and

WHEREAS, many cities throughout the nation, both large and small, are reducing global warming pollutants through programs that provide economic and quality of life benefits such as reduced energy bills, green space preservation, air quality improvements, reduced traffic congestion, improved transportation choices, and economic development and job creation through energy conservation and new energy technologies; and

WHEREAS, mayors from around the nation have signed the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement which, as amended at the 73rd Annual U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting, reads: C. We will strive to meet or exceed Kyoto Protocol targets for reducing global warming pollution by taking actions in our own operations and communities such as:

1. Adopt and enforce land-use policies that reduce sprawl, preserve open space, and create compact, walkable urban communities;

2. Promote transportation options such as bicycle trails, commute trip reduction programs, incentives for car pooling and public transit;

3. Increase the use of clean, alternative energy by, for example, investing in "green tags", advocating for the development of renewable energy resources, recovering landfill methane for energy production, and supporting the use of waste to energy technology;

4. Make energy efficiency a priority through building code improvements, retrofitting city facilities with energy efficient lighting and urging employees to conserve energy and save money;

5. Purchase only Energy Star equipment and appliances for City use;

6. Practice and promote sustainable building practices using the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED program or a similar system;

7. Increase the average fuel efficiency of municipal fleet vehicles; reduce the number of vehicles; launch an employee education program including anti-idling messages; convert diesel vehicles to bio-diesel;

8. Evaluate opportunities to increase pump efficiency in water and wastewater systems; recover wastewater treatment methane for energy production;

9. Increase recycling rates in City operations and in the community;

10. Maintain healthy urban forests; promote tree planting to increase shading and to absorb CO2; and

11. Help educate the public, schools, other jurisdictions, professional associations, business and industry about reducing global warming pollution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The U.S. Conference of Mayors endorses the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement as amended by the 73rd annual U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting and urges mayors from around the nation to join this effort.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The U.S. Conference of Mayors will work in conjunction with ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability and other appropriate organizations to track progress and implementation of the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement as amended by the 73rd annual U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting.

ADOPTED: *

DRAFT LETTER IN SUPPORT OF TRANSMISSION ALTERNATIVE
Cut and Paste to your Official Letterhead
Should be signed by your Mayor and/or Commission Head

Date Here

Addressee
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Dear Addressee:

As you know, Dover, Delaware is experiencing unprecedented and continuing growth in residential and commercial development. While this economic development is good for Dover, the State, and its citizens, the development growth is placing tremendous demands on the infrastructure in the State. Principal among these demands is reliable and adequate electric transmission infrastructure. The construction of new transmission infrastructure in our region is critically important to ensure electric reliability and to keep pace with the rapidly increasing demand for power in Dover and the Delmarva Peninsula.

The City of Dover and the other members of the Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation* are strongly in support of the Mid-Atlantic Power Pathway (MAPP) Transmission Project proposed by Pepco Holdings, Inc (PHI). This project represents the first significant transmission expansion in our region in over two decades. The proposed project would tie existing economic transmission and generation assets in the west to load centers on the Delmarva Peninsula, including Dover. The project would provide access to much needed power supply and improve reliability to the region at the lowest cost and with the least environmental impact.

The Delmarva Peninsula has experienced significant electric transmission congestion over the past ten years, resulting in Dover and other Delaware electric consumers experiencing higher costs. While new generation projects are currently being proposed in Delaware, either the generation projects would be new pollution sources or the project cost to electric rate payers in Delaware will be unreasonably high. The MAPP transmission project, on the other hand, would not create new pollution sources but would create long-term benefits to Delaware. The new transmission line is critical to the future economics of the City of Dover Public Utilities and their customers. PHI's proposed transmission lines would open up a variety of new options for electricity supply to our customers and customers throughout the Delmarva Peninsula, and generally increase the capability of the system to transfer more economic western power to our region. In addition, the project would:

- Improve reliability on the Delmarva Peninsula by adding a south to north feed onto the peninsula providing a critical redundant electrical feed to this region.
- Greatly reduce or eliminate congestion problems that have contributed to higher electricity prices for the City of Dover's customers.
- Enable more competition and greater access to affordable generation sources, while also offsetting the impact of expected future generation plant closings.

The City of Dover Council support the proposed MAPP Transmission Project and encourage the State of Delaware, PHI, and the various planning and regulatory agencies, to move this important project forward without delay. The future of economic development and reliable electric service in Dover and the Delmarva Peninsula depend on it.

Sincerely,

Signatory
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Cc: Patrick E. McCullar, DEMEC

The members of DEMEC are the Towns of Clayton, Middletown, and Smyrna, and the Cities of Dover, Lewes, Milford, Newark, New Castle, and Seaford.