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Dear Customer:

Across South Jersey, we are seeing the impacts of more frequent and more severe weather. Powerful and damaging storms are bringing stronger winds, lightning, and heavy snow and rain. To confront this, Atlantic City Electric is installing stronger utility poles and new, modern equipment in communities across South Jersey to strengthen the local energy grid and provide our customers and communities with safer and more reliable energy service.

As part of this broader effort to better serve our customers and strengthen our infrastructure, we are planning the **Atlantic to Ocean Counties Reliability Project** to:

- Rebuild a critical transmission line running through Port Republic, Bass River Township and Little Egg Harbor Township to improve reliability for customers and meet the region's current and future energy needs.
- 2. Replace our existing transmission line with stronger, state-of-the-art steel poles that are prepared to handle more extreme weather and reduce the impacts of severe storms.

This transmission line serves thousands of customers in the eastern portion of our service area and **is critical to customer reliability in Atlantic, Burlington and Ocean counties.** It was originally built in 1939 and is currently comprised of aging wood poles that are more vulnerable to storm damage. The steel poles we are proposing to use, which are similar in size to the existing wood poles, are much stronger and capable of withstanding hurricane-force winds. While most of the line will be comprised of steel poles, several areas may be rebuilt with new wood poles based on County requirements. Our planned upgrades will provide us with greater capabilities to respond to outages in the region and will lead to fewer storm-related outages and better reliability for customers.

We value input from our customers and communities. This letter is being sent as an initial introduction to the project. We will be holding open houses in the region next year where our project team will provide more details and answer questions. The open houses also will help us gather important feedback from the community and address concerns you may have. We are continuing to design this project and will provide updates as we move forward.

Construction is expected to begin February 2021 and be completed by Summer 2022. We are committed to minimizing potential impacts on local traffic, businesses and the community, and we will continue to work with you and keep you updated about our activities. Note, as part of our preliminary work for this project, crews may be in your neighborhood in the near future to complete tree trimming near the existing transmission line.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact us at 855-839-1444 or AtlOceanReliability@exeloncorp.com. More information on this project can also be found at atlanticcityelectric.com/reliability. We look forward to working together on this effort to make our local energy grid more resilient and help reduce the impacts of extreme weather.

Sincerely,

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