

Pepco Awarded Stimulus Funding for Smart Grid Project

Pepco has been selected to receive \$104.1 million in federal stimulus funds to help build the smart grid in Prince George's and Montgomery counties.

The money will be used to help offset the cost to customers for installing meters and modernizing the electric grid. The smart grid will create new green jobs, boost the economy and lay the technological groundwork for customers to better manage their energy use and reduce carbon emissions generated by fossil-fueled power plants.



Customer benefits of the smart grid include over-the-air meter reads to minimize estimated bills, detailed information for helping save energy and money, and proactive notification of outages and service restoration.

"The federal stimulus funds are an extraordinary opportunity to accelerate the delivery of customer benefits through building an integrated smart grid composed of advanced metering infrastructure, distribution automation and demand response technologies," said Joe Rigby, Pepco Holdings, Inc., Chairman, President and CEO. "We look forward to working with regulators to implement smart meters for our customers."

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CONTROLLING YOUR ENERGY COSTS

Guide to Pepco's Energy-Efficiency Programs

We're all searching for ways to use energy more efficiently. By encouraging our customers to make small changes every day, we can lower utility bills and help protect our environment.

Pepco has a variety of energy-efficiency programs for residential and commercial customers. The programs include:

Residential

- **Energy Wise Rewards™** Customers voluntarily sign up to allow Pepco to cycle their air conditioner during peak summer usage hours in exchange for receiving monthly bill credits.
- **Residential Lighting/CFLs** Pepco offers rebates on select Energy Star qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs at participating retailers.
- **Appliance Rebates** Pepco offers rebates of up to \$50 for purchasing select Energy Star appliances including refrigerators, air conditioners and hot water heaters.
- **Home Energy Performance** Customers sign up to receive quick energy assessments of comprehensive energy audits. Fees will be waived if customers elect to set up energy-efficiency measures.
- **HVAC Rebate** Pepco offers rebates for purchasing select high-efficiency HVAC equipment.

Commercial

- **Prescriptive Rebate Program** Commercial customers have a number of different options to qualify for an incentive.
- **HVAC Efficiency Program** This program is designed to encourage the selection and installation of high-efficiency HVAC equipment.
- **Custom Incentive Program** This program allows commercial customers the opportunity to receive technical assistance and receive an incentive for more complex energy-efficiency measures that are not on the Prescriptive equipment incentive list.
- **Building Commissioning and Operations & Maintenance Program** This program helps guide commercial customers on improving the operation and maintenance of their facilities.

For more information on Pepco's residential and commercial energy-efficiency programs, visit pepco.com.



Pepco Powers Solar Decathlon

Pepco joined the Department of Energy as a Sustaining Partner for the 2009 Solar Decathlon, an international collegiate competition in which 20 teams competed to design, build and operate energy-efficient solar-powered houses on the national Mall.

Pepco installed smart meters capable of providing net metering for each of the 20 solar-powered homes built by university students from around the world. In addition, scores of employee volunteers helped ensure that the event ran smoothly, serving as greeters, docents and in a variety of other capacities.

Pepco employees also presented three key workshops: Making Smart Choices to Manage Your Electric Bill, Solar Panels and the Smart Grid and Benefits of the Smart Grid.

"Our participation in events such as this is an excellent example of PHI's commitment to 'green' energy and to protecting our environment," said Barbara Gonzalez, Pepco's Senior Business Process Consultant, who led Pepco's Solar Decathlon planning team.

Learn About Energy Wise Rewards™

Pepco's Speakers Bureau is ready to speak to your neighborhood group about Energy Wise Rewards, our new energy conservation program for Maryland customers.

Energy Wise Rewards is open to Maryland residential customers who have central air conditioning or central heat pumps and voluntarily register to allow Pepco to "cycle off" their units during critical peak energy use hours. Participants will receive a credit of up to \$160 on their Pepco bill and will help reduce energy demand during the hottest days of summer.

The Pepco Speakers Bureau participated in extensive Energy Wise Rewards training and is ready to address your community or neighborhood group. For more information, contact Zenayda Mostofi at zmmostofi@pepco.com or by calling her at (202) 872-2089.





Volunteers Raise \$14,000 For American Heart Association

Forty Peppo volunteers braved a damp November morning to participate in the Greater Washington Heart Walk at the National Mall. The group, including Peppo Region President Thomas H. Graham and Peppo Region Vice President Vincent Orange, raised more than \$14,000 to help fight heart disease, the nation's No. 1 killer.

Spreading Holiday Cheer

Peppo partnered with NBC 4 and other businesses to provide Thanksgiving dinners to needy families in the Washington area. Food baskets were distributed through local charities during the days before Thanksgiving. Each basket contained a turkey, fresh greens, sweet and white potatoes, dressings, canned goods and other Thanksgiving essentials.

Peppo Sponsors Third Annual ZooLights

For the third year, Peppo is a proud sponsor of ZooLights, the all-LED holiday light show at the Smithsonian's National Zoo.

The 19-night light show features animal sculptures powered by highly efficient, cool-to-the-touch LED lights, which use 90 percent less energy than traditional incandescent bulbs.

The show runs through Jan. 2. For more information, visit the Zoo's Web site at www.fonz.org.



Peppo presented a check for \$65,000 to United Communities Against Poverty (UCAP) to help disadvantaged residents in Prince George's County pay their winter utility bills. Pictured are Kim Watson, Peppo Region Vice President; Sandra Gammons, UCAP President and CEO; Arthur Turner, UCAP Board Chairman; and Thomas H. Graham, Peppo Region President.

Enjoy a Safe Holiday

As the winter holiday season approaches, Pepco urges caution when decorating, entertaining and heating your home. Follow the guidelines below to keep your home, family and guests safe:

- Select decorations made with flame-resistant, flame-retardant or non-combustible materials.
- Inspect for frayed sockets, loose or bare wires and loose connections.
- Never staple or nail light strings or extension cords.
- Keep trees at least three feet from heating sources.
- Stay in the kitchen while cooking and keep a working fire extinguisher nearby.
- Plug portable heaters directly into outlets or wall sockets.
- Test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors and replace nonworking batteries.
- Practice your home fire escape plan and share it with your guests.

Visit pepco.com for more safety tips.



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