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OPPOSE – House Bill 569
HB 569 – Electricity – Net Metering - Limit
Economic Matters Committee
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Potomac Edison opposes **House Bill 569 – Electricity – Net Metering- Limit**. House Bill 569 would increase to 3,000 megawatts the statewide limit on rated generating capacity for net metering under a certain contract or tariff available to certain eligible customer-generators.

Unfavorable

Potomac Edison, a subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp., serves approximately 270,000 customers in all or parts of seven Maryland counties (Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Howard, Montgomery and Washington Counties). FirstEnergy is dedicated to safety, reliability and operational excellence. Its ten electric distribution companies form one of the nation's largest investor-owned electric systems, serving customers in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, West Virginia, Maryland and New York.

FirstEnergy requests an Unfavorable report on HB 569 for the following reasons.

The Maryland Public Service Commission already requires electric utilities to develop a standard contract or tariff for net energy metering and make it available to eligible customer-generators on a first-come, first-served basis until the rated generating capacity owned and operated by eligible customer-generators in the State reaches 1,500 megawatts.

As of June 2020, there was only a total of 846 megawatts of net-metered generating capacity in the entire State of Maryland. With such a large excess of megawatts still to be subscribed there is no need, at this time, to double the capacity limit for net-metered generating capacity in the State of Maryland.

For the above reasons, Potomac Edison respectfully request an **Unfavorable** vote on House Bill 569.