Power Local Green Jobs Campaign

- Business as Usual
- Fossil fuel dependence
- Minimal solar contracts

- Local Solar Power
- Local Jobs
- Healthy Communities

Our actions can tip the scale & make a difference!
The Players

Generation

Transmission

Philadelphia Communities & advocates

Over 125 congregations of faith

- POWER
- EQAT
- Environmental Partners

Government Oversight

Judge Vero
PECO’s proposed Default Service Plan (DSP)

- In a Default Service Plan, PECO proposes how they want their energy purchases to be regulated for the next 4 years
  - The mix of energy sources is specified in the DSP
- Does the proposed DSP meet our needs or is it business as usual?
  - It’s our money, our city, and should reflect our values
  - But PECO wants less than 1% of their energy to come from solar (the minimum required by state law)

WHY WE CARE: PECO’s proposed purchasing plan affects investments and job creation in fossil, solar, and other energy industries.

This is an environmental justice issue! It affects our jobs, air, health and future.
The controversy: PECO’s proposed DSP locks out solar

- Proposes to buy 99% of energy through short-term contracts with fossil fuel generators
  - Why? Guarantees low-cost power during unexpected need
  - BUT this is not how solar operates
  - Solar power contracts limited to only 0.5% of purchases
- Promotes “least-cost” sources of energy but ignores long-term costs from fossil fuel — dirty air, climate change, illness
- Blocks out long-term solar contracts needed for a prudent sustainable mix of energy sources

PECO’s proposed DSP is “business as usual” — The world is changing, why isn’t PECO?
PECO’s proposed DSP doesn’t reflect the values of our state

- **PA PUC’s stated mission**: The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission balances the needs of consumers and utilities; ensures safe and reliable utility service at reasonable rates; protects the public interest; educates consumers to make independent and informed utility choices; furthers economic development; and fosters new technologies and competitive markets in an environmentally sound manner.

- **PECO’s stated values**: PECO is the steward of efforts to help customers make better choices about energy usage and is focused on setting the example as an environmental leader.

- **Exelon’s stated mission and values**: Exelon’s mission is to be the leading diversified energy company - by providing reliable, clean, affordable and innovative energy products … to help drive progress for our customers and communities.

- **Our state constitution** (Article I, Section 27—the Environmental Rights Amendment): The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic values of the environment.

The proposed Default Service Plan is contrary to the stated missions of our PUC, PECO, and Exelon, and the intent of Article I, Section 27 of our state constitution.
We call upon the PUC to protect the public interest

• Our health, jobs, and the Earth
  • Dirty air increases the mortality rate from COVID-19 infections.
  • Black and brown communities are disproportionately affected.
  • Unemployment is up and businesses are closing – investing in solar can create jobs and business opportunities.

• PECO’s purchasing decisions matter
  • They affect investments and job creation in the fossil fuel, solar, and wind industries.

• The PUC regulates PECO’s purchasing decisions.

We call upon the PUC to lead the Commonwealth in our right to clean air.
OUR CALL TO THE PUC: The details

- We call on the PUC to envision a green, inclusive future
  - 20% of power from local solar by 2025
  - Balanced and prudent procurement favoring long-term & local contracts
  - Least-cost energy calculations must include the cost from damages created by fossil fuel and the healthy benefits of alternatives
    - That includes health care! And jobs!
  - Transition costs to a green future must be financed by Exelon shareholders, not by a public that is already overburdened

Require PECO to modify the proposed DSP to reflect the values of our city and commonwealth, and to invest in a green future that works for all
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<td>• PECO submits proposed Default Service Plan for PUC approval</td>
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<td>March-May</td>
<td>• POWER leaders educated themselves about the DSP in collaboration with EQAT</td>
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<td>May 4</td>
<td>• POWER submits several requests for public hearing to PECO, PUC and Judge</td>
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<td>May 8</td>
<td>• Pre-hearing on PECO’s DSP, attended by POWER, EQAT, and Environmental Partners</td>
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<td>• Judge allows public testimony at a public hearing! Date set for June 8 or 9.</td>
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<td>May 12</td>
<td>• PECO submits motion to limit public testimony to certain topics (e.g., procurement process) and not to other topics (e.g., reliability)</td>
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<td>May 13</td>
<td>• POWER and Environmental Partners file requests to deny PECO’s motion</td>
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<td>June 8 or 9</td>
<td>• Internet–based Public hearing with public testimony</td>
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2-minute Oral Testimonies – A team exercise