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Partnering with Customers for an Energy-Efficient Tomorrow

DID YOU KNOW?

Q: I hear a lot about climate change these days, how can I get a handle on my environmental impact?

A: You can determine your "carbon footprint." A carbon footprint is a measure of the impact your everyday activities have on the environment in terms of greenhouse gas emissions.

By using a Web-based carbon calculator, you can learn ways to lessen your personal impact on global warming. Visit www.epa.gov/climate_change/emissions/ind_calculator.html for more information.

Atlantic City Electric has proposed a plan to invest in new technology and tools to help customers manage their energy use, reduce their total cost of energy, and help protect the environment.

"Energy efficiency is the lowest cost and the cleanest way to address future energy needs," said Dennis Wraase, chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer, Pepco Holdings, Inc. (PHI), the parent company of Atlantic City Electric.

The plan - **The Blueprint for the Future** - includes installing "smart meters" which will improve reliability and provide pricing options to lower individual energy usage and costs when electricity demand is high. If approved, elements of the proposal including installation of smart meters will begin over the next five years.

The Blueprint coincides with the ambitious goals set by New Jersey Governor Jon S. Corzine and the Board of Public Utilities outlined in the New Jersey Energy Master Plan (EMP) process. The EMP addresses climate change, energy efficiency programs, reducing consumption, increasing renewable resources and managing reliability.

"While we are aware that New Jersey's energy issues cannot be solved by any one group or method, our customers want to know that we are doing everything we can to provide reliable service and help them cope with higher energy prices," said Ken Parker, president, Atlantic City Electric Region. "With our plan, we are offering to help customers save money, protect the environment, and make us more energy independent."

About Smart Meters

Smart meters are high-tech electrical meters that identify customer electric consumption - or usage. Using a network, smart meters automatically relay customer usage information back to the utility. This allows monitoring for billing and reliability purposes.

Smart meters typically use real-time or near-time reads, which detect and notify the utility of power outages. Traditional electric meters, such as the ones we use today, do not provide automated reading or reliability monitoring.



