

of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Direct your written comments to R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: March 29, 2004.

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available

From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension: Rule 24; SEC File No. 270-129; and OMB Control No. 3235-0126.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for an extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Rule 24 (17 CFR 250.24) under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (15 U.S.C. Section 79a *et seq.*) ("Act") requires the filing with the Commission of certain information indicating that an authorized transaction has been carried out in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Commission order authorizing the transaction. The Commission needs the information under Rule 24 to ensure that the terms and conditions of its orders are being complied with, and the Commission uses the information to ensure appropriate compliance with the Act. The respondents are comprised of two groups of entities: (a) Registered holding companies under the Act and their direct and indirect subsidiaries and affiliates; and (b) holding companies

exempt from the provisions of the Act by rule or order from all provisions of the Act, except section 9(a)(2). It is estimated that the total number of respondents is 140, and the total number of annual responses is 335. The Commission estimates that the total annual reporting burden under rule 24 is 1005 hours (*e.g.*, 335 filings × 3 hours = 1005 burden hours).

These estimates of average burden hours are made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act and are not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of SEC rules and forms. There is no requirement to keep the information in the forms confidential because it is public information. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Please direct general comments regarding the above information to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; and (ii) R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: March 29, 2004.

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27825]

Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended ("Act")

March 30, 2004.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission under provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendment(s) is/are available for public inspection

through the Commission's Branch of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by April 20, 2004, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC 20549-0609, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in the case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of facts or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After April 20, 2004, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

Pepco Holdings, Inc., et al (70-10217)

Pepco Holdings, Inc. ("Pepco"), a registered holding company, 701 Ninth Street, 10th Floor, Suite 1300, Washington, DC 20068, Conectiv, a registered holding company and subsidiary of Pepco, and Atlantic City Electric Company ("ACE"), a public utility company and direct subsidiary of Conectiv, both of 800 King Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19899 (collectively "Applicants"), have filed an application-declaration ("Application") under section 12(d) of the Act and rules 44 and 54 under the Act.

Applicants seek authority for ACE to sell distribution facilities owned by ACE that operate at 14kV and lower voltages within the city limits of Vineland, New Jersey ("Vineland"). Vineland, through a municipally-owned utility known as the Vineland Municipal Electric Utility ("VMEU"), provides distribution services to approximately two-thirds of the residences and businesses operating within the city limits. ACE provides distribution services to the remaining customers, about 5,500 customers. If the sale is approved, substantially all customers within the city limits will be served by VMEU. ACE will retain its higher-voltage transmission facilities both within and outside the city limits, which are used to deliver bulk supplies of electricity throughout southern New Jersey, including to VMEU. In addition, ACE will retain some lower voltage facilities that will be located within and pass through Vineland but will not interconnect with the current or to-be-transferred VMEU facilities.

The specific utility distribution assets to be sold have a depreciated book value