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Delmarva Power, ERTHNXT & Girl Scouts Team Up for Trees *Reforestation Project Adds 500 Trees Adjacent to Red Lion Substation*

NEWARK, Del. – Delmarva Power in partnership with the environmental education nonprofit ERTHNXT and the Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Council planted 500 native potted seedling trees Saturday on land owned by the power company near its Red Lion substation.

The volunteer reforestation project, funded in part by both Delmarva Power and ERTHNXT, included the following native tree seedlings: River Birch, Swamp White Oak, Hackberry, American Sycamore, Silver Maple.

“Delmarva Power has long-recognized how vital trees are to our communities. For example, trees help us conserve energy and keep the air clean,” said Glenn Moore, Vice President, Delmarva Power Region. “I’m glad we could work with ERTHNXT and the Girl Scouts to add 500 more trees to our community landscape.”

Amanda Benner, ERTHNXT Program Director, said: “Tree plantings are a great way to let kids get their hands in the dirt and connect with nature. Taking action helps reinforce the interconnectedness of people and plants and wildlife and builds stewardship for our shared environment.”

Janet Berry, Sr. Vice President, Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Council Inc., said: “Through this tree-planting project, our local Girl Scouts are taking action to make Delaware a better place, and they’re doing it in partnership with good environmental stewards – Delmarva Power and ERTHNXT.”

About Delmarva Power

Delmarva Power, a public utility owned by Pepco Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: POM), provides safe and reliable energy to nearly 500,000 electric delivery customers in Delaware and Maryland and over 121,000 natural gas delivery customers in northern Delaware.

About EARTHNEXT

ERTHNEXT is a national non-profit organization working to protect the future on earth for all species through programs that help children and youth learn about and protect the environment. EARTHNEXT provides fun, science-based, outdoor-oriented and hands-on environmental programs for children and youth organizations, schools, and families. Through national and local partnerships with Girl Scouts of the USA, Boys and Girls Clubs, Boy Scouts, and others, EARTHNEXT aims to help create a generation of environmental stewards.

ERTHNEXT's flagship program, **Trees for the 21st Century**, is a unique educational and tree-planting program for children ages 6 to 18, involving science-based learning, tree-planting, and ongoing stewardship activities. www.earthnext.org

About the Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Council

The Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Council encompasses all of the Delmarva Peninsula which includes Delaware, the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and the Eastern Shore of Virginia. The first troop on the Delmarva Peninsula was formed at Mount Zion Lutheran Church in Wilmington, Delaware in 1915. In 1962, Wilmington Area Girl Scout Council and Peninsula Girl Scout Council merged to form the Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Council, Inc.

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