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Solar Energy Shines in the District: 2025 RPS Report Shows Record Growth

More residents gain access to renewable energy as certified solar capacity surges 20%

(Washington, D.C.) — The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (Commission) reports another year of growth in local solar energy adoption, driven by increased community engagement and continued policy support for renewable energy.

According to the newly released <u>2025 Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) Report</u> for compliance year 2024, the eligible solar capacity increased to 308.1 MW. The growth reflects the District's sustained investment in clean energy, an expanding community solar network, and strategic regulatory efforts to maximize local impact.

"Our latest RPS report shows that the District's clean energy momentum is real — and quickly moving forward," said Commission Chairman Emile C. Thompson. "With more efficient policy and deeper community involvement, we are doing more than just adding solar panels — we are building equity and resilience into the grid."

The report notes a total of 16,381 solar energy systems in the District certified for the RPS program, representing 258.5 megawatts (MW) of capacity.

Other highlights from the report include:

- The total certified solar capacity, including systems outside of the District but on eligible feeders, reached 308.1 MW.
- More than 10,000 District residents subscribed to community solar projects.
- Solar Renewable Energy Credit (SREC) prices remained among the highest in the Mid-Atlantic region, reinforcing strong market demand.

The 2025 report also highlights a key market shift as the Commission implements tighter eligibility criteria for solar renewable energy credits (SRECs) under the District's Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard Amendment Act of 2024. The move ensures that the economic and environmental benefits of the District's RPS program stay local, prioritizing in-boundary and bordering the District, solar development and reducing reliance on out-of-state credits.

In addition to rooftop installations, community solar projects in the District continue to play a vital role in providing renewable energy access to residents who may be unable to install solar panels on their properties. As the District moves toward reaching its clean energy goals, the Commission remains committed to balancing market innovation, consumer protection, and local sustainability.

To read or download a copy of the 2025 RPS Report, please visit www.dcpsc.org.

The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia is an independent agency established by Congress in 1913 to regulate electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies in the District of Columbia.