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DCPSC annual report highlights progress on grid modernization, infrastructure investments and community engagement efforts

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) -The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (Commission) today released its Annual Report for the 2019 fiscal year, featuring its grid modernization, infrastructure investments and community engagement efforts. The report also focuses on several pivotal Commission initiatives being undertaken to achieve the District's climate change commitments and 100% renewable energy goal for 2032.

"The Commission continues to prioritize grid modernization, infrastructure investment, and community engagement," stated Willie L. Phillips, Chairman of the Commission. "However, we've accelerated our pace and adopted a proactive approach. We've also emphasized sustainability and meeting the District's clean energy goals throughout our work."

Major regulatory and stakeholder initiatives highlighted in the 2019 Annual Report include:

- <u>PowerPath DC</u>, the Commission's grid modernization proceeding that outlines the critical next steps to achieve a reliable, sustainable and resilient distribution energy delivery system in the District;
- <u>DC Power Line Undergrounding (DC PLUG)</u>, a multi-year program designed to migrate up to 30 of the District's most vulnerable overhead distribution lines underground;
- <u>Capital Grid</u>, addressing multiple system needs for updating aging electric infrastructure;
- Projectpipes, replacing aging natural gas pipeline infrastructure in the District;
- <u>Advisory Council on Utility Supplier and Workforce Diversity</u>, focusing on diversity and inclusion among utility suppliers and workforces in the District;
- Fight Utility Scams, helping consumers protect themselves against utility scams; and
- Winter Ready DC, promoting weatherization and energy efficiency to avoid high winter energy bills.

The Commission reports annually on its operations, activities and accomplishments to the Mayor, D.C. Council, and general public. The report also provides an overview of the Commission's regulatory and organizational accomplishments and how the Commission serves District electricity, natural gas, and local telecommunications customers. The 2019 Annual Report is available on the Commission's website.

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.

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