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## **Statement**

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### **DC PSC Chairman Releases Statement on the District of Columbia Power Line Undergrounding (DC PLUG) Initiative**

(Washington, D.C.) Today, Chairman Betty Ann Kane of the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (Commission) released the following statement regarding the Applications for Approval of the Biennial Underground Infrastructure Improvement Projects Plans and Financing Orders ([Formal Case No. 1145](#), [Order No. 19167](#)):

“Since 1999, the Commission has been monitoring Pepco’s system outage and restoration efforts during storms, including the impact of storms on Pepco’s overhead power lines. We have directed Pepco to undertake measures that would mitigate the impact of severe weather on its system.

This Order, based on legislation passed by the D.C. Council in 2017, allows Pepco and the District Department of Transportation to address the concerns that many District residents and Pepco customers have had over the years regarding system reliability and resilience.”

The entire Undergrounding Project is expected to extend for a period of 6 to 8 years at a total cost of approximately \$500 million. The feeder construction work is expected to begin in the second quarter of 2018 in Wards 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8. The Commission also approved a Consumer Education Plan so that residents in the affected Wards will be informed by Pepco ahead of planned work to reduce disruptions. The Undergrounding Project Charge (UPC) Surcharges will appear on customers' bills starting in early 2018.

For additional information about the DC PLUG Initiative, visit the Commission website at <https://dcpssc.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.*

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