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DCPSC reports continued expansion of solar energy throughout the District

(Washington, D.C.) The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (Commission) issued its [Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard \(RPS\) Report for compliance year 2022](#) to the D.C. Council. This year's report, now available for public review, noted the significant expansion of RPS-certified solar facilities despite lingering effects from the pandemic and other market fluctuations, including supply-chain issues.

Within the compliance year, the Commission approved a total of 2,147 new solar energy systems, including 1,802 District systems of which 82 were community renewable energy facilities (CREFs). Additionally, the Commission has certified 11,815 solar energy systems in the District as of year-end 2022, representing 183.8 megawatts of capacity, and of these solar energy systems, 301 were CREFs.

The report notes a total of 15,102 solar energy systems certified for RPS. Other highlights from the report include:

- Total RPS-certified solar capacity of 225.5 MW at year-end 2022 exceeded the estimated solar capacity of 189.9 MW required to meet the 2.6 percent solar requirement for 2022;
- District RPS-eligible solar energy systems are located in all 8 wards; and
- Total estimated cost of renewable energy credits, retired by retail suppliers, of \$129.1 million—up from \$93.4 million for the 2021 compliance year.

"We are proud of the progress that has occurred over the past year. The Commission remains committed to working with District leadership, as well as the community, to meet our renewable energy goals. We look forward to continuing to support and enhance the District's aggressive climate goals," said Chairman Emile C. Thompson. Chairman Thompson recently testified before the Committee on Business and Economic Development where he confirmed the Commission's focus on reduction of greenhouse gas and other harmful emissions in FY2023 and FY2024.

Every year, the Commission is required to provide an update on the status of RPS implementation. The report includes data on the number of renewable energy generators approved by the Commission and the availability of renewable resources in the District. The report also includes the number of renewable energy credits (RECs) retired by the electricity suppliers to meet the RPS requirements. Finally, the report provides data on the compliance fees paid by electricity suppliers that did not acquire enough RECs, including solar RECs to meet the RPS requirements. This RPS Report fulfills the reporting requirements of the [Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard Act](#) and as amended by the [CleanEnergy DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2018](#).

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