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## **District Solar Momentum Accelerates 2026 RPS Report Confirms Strong Local Growth and Regional Leadership**

**(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 [2026 Renewable Portfolio Standard \(RPS\) Report](#) for compliance year 2025, the solar capacity eligible for the District's RPS Program increased to 373.7 megawatts (MW), surpassing the estimated solar capacity needed to meet the 4.30% solar requirement. The growth is a testament to the District's continued investment in clean energy, an expanding community solar network, and strategic regulatory efforts to increase local impact.

"Our latest RPS report makes it clear that the District's clean energy momentum isn't just continuing, it's accelerating," said Commission Chairman Emile C. Thompson. "With smarter policies and stronger community participation, we're expanding solar capacity while strengthening equity, reliability, and resilience across the grid. While the District continues to meet its ambitious renewable goals, the Commission remains focused on the significant financial impact on ratepayers. Market data from April 2026 highlights the premium cost of local compliance, with D.C. solar renewable energy credits (SRECs) well above average. The Commission will continue to monitor these increasing RPS compliance costs and their impact on District residents."

The report notes that there was a total of 19,915 solar energy systems in the District certified for the RPS program, representing 312.7 MW of capacity, as of the end of 2025. There was also 61.0 MW of capacity from certain eligible solar energy systems in Maryland that are near the border with the District.

Other highlights from the report include:

- The total certified solar capacity, including systems outside of the District but on eligible feeders, reached 373.7 MW.
- More than 11,000 District residents are now subscribed to community solar projects.
- SREC prices remained among the highest in the Mid-Atlantic region.
- The total compliance fees paid by retail suppliers in 2025 was \$145,730—down from \$3.9 million for the 2024 compliance year.

Community solar continues to play a pivotal role in expanding access to clean energy across the District. The number of community renewable energy facilities grew from 424 in 2024 to 457 in 2025, boosting generation from 59.7 MW to 72.7 MW in just one year. This rapid expansion is delivering real, equitable impact for the 11,000 plus subscribers who rely on community solar to access renewable power without installing panels of their own. Together, these facilities underscore the District's commitment to making clean energy accessible, affordable, and community-centered.

To read or download a copy of the 2026 RPS Report, please visit [www.dcpssc.org](http://www.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*