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DCPSC directs Pepco and Washington Gas to submit details of their climate change plans

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (Commission) is advancing its efforts in helping the District achieve its carbon neutrality goal by 2050, and renewable energy goal of 100% by 2032 ([Formal Case No. 1167, Order No. 20754](#)). The Commission has directed Pepco to file a high-level Climate Change Commitment plan and a timeline for filing an electrification study within 30 days of the date of this Order. Pepco must also submit a detailed implementation plan for its Climate Change Commitment by September 30, 2021. Pepco and Washington Gas Light Company (WGL) must file a proposed implementation timeline for the Climate Change Commitment and the previously filed Climate Business Plan within 60 days of the date of this Order. WGL is directed to file the workpapers, models and related projections that support all scenarios provided in the Climate Business Plan, including the Policy Driven Electrification scenario, within 60 days of the date of this Order.

The Commission requests that any stakeholder seeking to file an electrification study in the District to submit a proposed timeline for filing the study within 30 days of the date of this Order. Comments on these filings are due within 60 days of the date of these filings, while reply comments are due within 105 days of the date of these filings.

Within 20 days of the date of this Order, the Commission also invites stakeholders to file proposed scopes of work for the Commission’s consideration in developing a Request for Proposal for an independent consultant that will review the Alta Gas and WGL Climate Business Plan, the Pepco Climate Change Commitment, the Environmental Defense Fund’s Roadmap, and other stakeholder filings, as well as plans from other states, to develop a comprehensive plan on how the Commission’s regulated utilities can achieve the District’s climate goals.

“The Commission is taking the next steps forward in achieving the District’s clean energy and climate change goals. The Commission is ensuring that Pepco and WGL is providing safe, reliable, affordable, and sustainable electric distribution in alignment with the Commission’s statutory mandates, [Clean Energy DC](#), [Climate Ready DC](#), and the Commission’s PowerPath DC revised vision statement,” stated Willie L. Phillips, DCPSC Chairman.

To learn more about the Commission’s clean energy efforts, visit 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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