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## Press Release

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### DCPSC Approves Experimental Electricity Rate Credit to Help DC Seniors and Disabled Residents

(Washington, D.C.) The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (Commission) approved an experimental, electricity rate credit for senior citizens and disabled residents in the District of Columbia ([Formal Case No. 1149](#), Order No. 19741). DC residents are eligible for the rate credit if they receive the Homestead Deduction and Senior Citizen or Disabled Property Owner Tax Relief, and are Pepco customers not receiving the [Residential Aid Discount](#) (RAD). The Commission set the fixed monthly rate credit at \$7.50, or about 50% of the fixed customer charge for Residential Service – Schedule R, which is currently \$15.09. Customers will find the rate credit as a separate line item on their electricity bills. The rate credit will be on the electricity distribution rate, which is regulated by the Commission. The Commission set aside \$6 million of the Customer Base Rate Credit, on an interim basis, to ensure adequate funding for this future special customer class for seniors and disabled citizens. The Customer Base Rate Credit resulted from the Commission’s approval of the Pepco-Exelon Merger ([Formal Case No. 1119](#)).

Last year, the Commission opened Formal Case No. 1149 to investigate the structure and application of an experimental rate credit class for DC seniors and disabled residents, then convened three Technical Conferences to discuss the parameters. Based upon the Technical Conference’s final report, the Commission has made eligibility simple, trouble-free, and as automatic as possible.

Commission Staff will hold another Technical Conference to focus on expanding eligibility to renters after a two-year deployment of the experimental rate credit class, and report their findings to the Commission within six months from the date of Order No. 19741.

The Commission has directed Pepco to file within 60 days of the date of Order No. 19741 a more detailed implementation cost estimate and timetable including a start date, annual administrative cost estimate, and a proposed tariff rider. Pepco also must file a notice with the Commission when 24 months of funds remain in the Customer Base Rate Credit allocated to support this experimental rate credit. This will allow the Commission sufficient time to initiate a review of the program and assess if this experimental rate should continue and how it should be funded.

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*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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