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DC will test innovative program to provide renewable energy to Pepco customers

Program Initially Targets Five Percent of the District's Standard Offer Service Load

(Washington, D.C.) The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (Commission) has approved Pepco's Request for Proposal (RFP) and their draft power purchase agreement (PPA) for the pilot program to procure renewable energy through a long-term PPA for electricity ([Formal Case No. 1017, Order No. 20636](#)). The target quantity is five percent of the Standard Offer Service (SOS) load. The Commission anticipates that energy from the PPA will begin to serve the target quantity of five percent of SOS load on June 1, 2024. The RFP and draft PPA is the result of a collaborative, comprehensive, and transparent working group process, where stakeholders were given the opportunity for input.

"The Commission has taken a significant step in helping the District meet its climate change commitments and 100% renewable energy goal for 2032," stated Chairman Willie L. Phillips. "Through this pilot program, the long-term PPA for solar or wind power will also help reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and achieve carbon neutrality in the District and within the PJM Interconnection region."

The Commission directs Pepco to issue their RFP and draft PPA by October 15, 2020. In addition, the Commission will hire a consultant within 90 days of the end of the first year that the PPA has provided energy to SOS customers to assess the benefits, costs, and risks to SOS customers. The Commission will use this information to analyze the feasibility of expanding the percentage of the District's SOS load to be served by renewable energy PPAs beyond the initial five percent. The District's SOS program is the default electric supply service for residential and commercial consumers who do not choose their electric generation and transmission from a third-party supplier. As the Administrator of the SOS program, Pepco purchases SOS electricity from wholesale suppliers through a competitive bidding process regulated by the Commission.

For more information, please visit the Commission at www.dcpsc.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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