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Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia to Hold Legislative-Style Hearing on Rising Electric Generation Costs

Washington, D.C. — The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (Commission) will hold a legislative-style hearing to examine the key drivers behind recent increases in the “generation” or supply portion of residential electric bills and explore potential pathways to address rising energy affordability concerns impacting District residents ([Formal Case No. 1186, Order No. 22774](#)). The District, along with other states nationwide, has experienced a dramatic increase in wholesale supply costs for the average residential customer. In 2020 the average generation portion of a residential bill was about \$35 and as of January 2026, it was about \$80. This portion of the bill is increasing at the fastest rate. The hearing will take place on June 3, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. in the Commission’s Hearing Room.

“Today’s energy issues are highly complex and often difficult for the public to follow through traditional regulatory processes alone,” said Chairman Emile C. Thompson. “This legislative-style hearing is intended to increase transparency, provide clearer information to residents, and create a meaningful public forum that will be the first of many public engagement forums to address factors impacting energy affordability in the District.”

Given the scope of these issues, the Commission invites regional grid operators, consumer advocates, utilities, and government agencies, including PJM Interconnection, LLC, Bates White, LLC, Pepco, the Office of People’s Counsel, the Apartment & Office Building Association, and the District Department of Energy and the Environment, to testify on rising generation costs. Invited speakers must file pre-filed statements by Friday, May 29, 2026, in the above-captioned cases.

The Commission also welcomes nominations from additional participants interested in speaking at the hearing. Self-nominations must be submitted by 5:30 p.m. on Friday, May 22, 2026, to the Commission Secretary at psc-commissionsecretary@dc.gov and should include the speaker’s name, contact information, and organization. Selected speakers will be notified in a supplemental notice issued on Wednesday, May 27, 2026. The legislative-style hearing is open to the public and will be livestreamed on the Commission’s website.



The Commission will also host a two-day, District of Columbia Energy Action Summit on May 27 and May 29 to address rising energy costs and connect the public with resources. Register for this free event at dcpssc.org/eas

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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