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# **Press Release**

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### **DCPSC Approves MEDSIS Working Groups**

Open call issued for members for all groups, first meetings set for August

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (Commission) initiated Phase 2 in its <u>Modernizing the Energy Delivery System for Increased Sustainability</u> (MEDSIS) Initiative by approving the establishment of six working groups that will help chart the road map for the District's grid modernization efforts.

The working groups being formed in Phase 2 of the Initiative are based on input from a wide range of community and business stakeholders who have filed comments within *Formal Case No. 1130* or participated in the MEDSIS Technical Conference on June 27. As outlined in <u>Order No. 19432</u> issued by the Commission today, the approved working groups are:

- WG1: Data and Information Access and Alignment
- WG2: Non-wire Alternatives to Grid Investments
- WG3: Future Rate Design
- WG4: Customer Impact
- WG5: Microgrids
- WG6: Pilot Projects

Full descriptions of the working groups and a complete meeting schedule for each group can be found here.

The Commission is dedicated to realizing the vision of the MEDSIS Initiative and to working collaboratively with all interested persons and stakeholders. The working groups will embrace stakeholder input to set the charters and objectives and each working group will submit a final report containing stakeholders' recommendations for the next steps in the MEDSIS Initiative. An open call is being issued to industry stakeholders, D.C. residents, and community groups to participate in the working group process.

Those interested in participating in the working groups can learn more and register <a href="here">here</a>. The first meetings of all groups will be held in August and early September in the Commission Hearing Room at 1325 G St., NW, Suite 800, Washington, D.C. Seating will be limited, but online and dial-in participation will be available. The objective of the initial meeting of each working group will be to collaboratively develop the working group's charter, key questions to address, and desired outcomes.

"The exceptional input and insights we received from the stakeholders have guided our efforts to ensure the working groups cover all areas of concern raised at the technical conference, while advancing the innovation and inclusivity that are critical to grid modernization in the nation's capital," said Sharon Allan, MEDSIS Consultant. "We are committed to a collaborative, transparent process in which all voices are heard as we work together to achieve a modern and sustainable energy system that benefits all D.C. residents and businesses."

"I am pleased that the MEDSIS initiative is moving forward and I look forward to all stakeholders participating in Phase 2 of the process," stated Chairman Betty Ann Kane.

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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