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## Newly elected officers of PowerPath DC Governance Board will oversee \$21 million pilot project fund to modernize the District's energy grid

WASHINGTON D.C. – Today the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (Commission) announces the newly elected officers of the <u>PowerPathDC Governance Board</u>. Alexandra Fisher, of the District Department of Energy & Environment (DOEE) will serve as Chairperson, and Adrienne Mouton-Henderson, from Office of the People's Counsel (OPC) for the District of Columbia, will be Secretary of the Governance Board.

As a result of the Pepco Holdings, Inc.-Exelon Merger approved by the Commission, a \$21.55 million Pilot Project Fund Subaccount was created to be used to support pilot projects related to energy delivery system modernization (Formal Case No. 1130). To distribute these funds, the Commission has formed a Governance Board (Order No. 20286) responsible for reviewing, recommending and overseeing innovative pilot projects in accordance with the principles of the Power Path DC Vision. The Board consists of representatives of Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington, DC Consumer Utility Board, DOEE, Greater Washington Urban League, Maryland D.C. Virginia Solar Energy Industries Association, OPC, Sierra Club Washington D.C., and Solar United Neighbors of DC. Commission staff serve as both members and facilitators of the Board.

"The Commission is excited to receive input and recommendations from the Governance Board about innovative pilot projects that will make the District's energy grid more sustainable, interactive, and secure," stated Willie L. Phillips, Chairman of the Commission. "Our goal is to support the District in achieving its energy and climate goals, including 100% renewable energy by 2032."

"I want to thank the other Board members for this vote of confidence, and I am thrilled to serve as Chairperson, on behalf of the Bowser Administration and DOEE. I look forward to working with my colleagues to support the Commission in implementing innovative pilot projects that advance energy

system modernization in the District," stated newly elected chairperson, Alexandra Fisher. Representing DOEE on the board, Fisher is a policy analyst supporting DOEE on Mayor Bowser's energy initiatives, including a special focus on microgrids.

"It is an honor to be selected by my peers to serve as the Pilot Projects Governance Board secretary. I plan to provide guidance to the Commission how the Board intends to move forward in the selection of pilot projects in the District to meet our carbon neutrality goals set by Mayor Bowser," stated newly elected Secretary, Adrienne Mouton-Henderson. As an Assistant People's Counsel, she specializes in distributed energy resources (DER), energy efficiency and sustainability matters and is a member of OPC's litigation section.

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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