



## Press Release

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### DCPSC approves new rules requiring portion of Pepco's default electric service to come from renewables

*DC is first in the Mid-Atlantic region to mandate long-term renewable energy PPA for default service program*

(Washington, D.C.) The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (Commission) has adopted new rules to require five percent of the District's Standard Offer Service (SOS) program to come from a Long-Term Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) to help the District meet its climate change commitments and renewable energy goals ([RM41-2020-02](#)). 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.

Willie L. Phillips, DCPSC Chairman stated, "The Commission continues to advance the District's climate goals by requiring 5% of default electricity service to come from a new, long-term renewable energy agreement. We're taking direct action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by promoting the construction of new renewable energy generation within the PJM Interconnection grid region. This program is the product of a collaborative and transparent working group process."

The District's SOS program is the default electric supply service for residential and commercial consumers who do not choose to have their electric generation and transmission services provided by third-party suppliers. As the SOS program administrator, Pepco purchases electricity for SOS from wholesale electricity suppliers through a competitive bidding process regulated by the Commission. The District will be the first jurisdiction in the Mid-Atlantic region to require a Long-Term Renewable PPA for its default SOS program.

Currently, Pepco, as SOS Administrator, procures 100 percent of the SOS load as a Wholesale Full Requirements Service (WFRS). With WFRS, electricity suppliers provide not only the energy, but also other components such as capacity, losses, congestion, load shaping, credit and risk, ancillary services, and the cost of compliance with the District's Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard. Starting on June 1, 2024, 95 percent of SOS load will continue to be served as a WFRS by electricity suppliers, while five percent of SOS load will be served under a Long-Term Renewable Energy PPA.

For more information about the Commission's clean energy efforts, visit [www.dcpsc.org/cleanenergy](http://www.dcpsc.org/cleanenergy).

*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.*