

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**December 23, 2025**

**FORMAL CASE NO. 1017, IN THE MATTER OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND  
DESIGNATION OF STANDARD OFFER SERVICE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,**

1. The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (“Commission”) hereby gives notice that the Commission initiates the 2025 Biennial Review of Standard Offer Service (“SOS”). In accordance with 15 DCMR § 4102.2, the Commission is required to conduct a review of the SOS Administrator’s SOS program every other year to make any appropriate adjustments to SOS as competitive developments in the District of Columbia (“District”) change.<sup>1</sup> This process is referred to as the Biennial Review. The last Biennial Review was initiated and completed in 2023.<sup>2</sup>

2. In this year’s Biennial Review, an item of particular concern to the Commission is the affordability of electricity supply and any recommended SOS changes that could help lower or stabilize the price of electricity for District ratepayers. Therefore, the Commission, as part of the 2025 SOS Biennial Review, invites comments on the following items. If applicable, identify any financial credit issues with your recommendations, along with any regulatory or legal considerations.

- A. The SOS Administrator currently solicits a full requirements product through a competitive auction process where bidding suppliers bundle many components, such as capacity, energy, ancillary services, and Renewable Energy Credits (“RECs”), into a single price for SOS electricity. Should the District separate supply procurement into one or more components?**

**1. Separate Capacity Procurement**

- i. Should capacity be separately procured for SOS? If so, identify the method of capacity procurement. Methods could include, but are not limited to: a separate auction, use of an aggregator,**

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<sup>1</sup> 15 DCMR § 4102.2 states that “[t]he Commission will conduct a review of the SOS Administrator’s SOS program every other year, beginning in 2010, to make any appropriate adjustments to SOS as competitive developments in the District of Columbia change. All adjustments shall be prospective and all contracts entered into prior to these changes shall remain in full force and effect pursuant to the contract terms.”

<sup>2</sup> *Formal Case No. 1017, In the Matter of the Development and Designation of Standard Offer Service in the District of Columbia (“Formal Case No. 1017”),* Notice, rel. August 4, 2023; *Formal Case No. 1017, Order No. 21934,* rel. November 22, 2023.

bilateral contracts, Power Purchase Agreements (“PPAs”), energy storage, Distributed Energy Resources (“DERs”), microgrids, and demand response.

- ii. What should the duration for capacity procurement be? Please provide recommendations by rate class. Additionally, should these procurements be staggered?
- iii. Are there methods to reduce the District’s SOS capacity obligation? Methods could include, but are not limited to: demand-side management, DERs, time-of-use rate design, and price-responsive demand rates.

## **2. Separate REC Procurement**

- i. Should RECs be separately procured to meet the District’s Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard requirements for SOS? If so, identify the method of procurement. Methods could include, but are not limited to: a separate auction, use of an aggregator, bilateral contracts, PPAs, and DERs.
- ii. What should the duration for REC procurement be? Please provide recommendations by rate class. Additionally, should these procurements be staggered?

## **3. Separate Energy and Ancillary Services Procurement**

- i. Should energy and ancillary services be separately procured for SOS? If so, identify the method of procurement. Methods could include, but are not limited to: a separate auction, use of an aggregator, bilateral contracts, PPAs, and DERs.
- ii. What should the duration for energy and ancillary services procurement be? Please provide recommendations by rate class. Additionally, should these procurements be staggered?

## **B. Other Modifications to the SOS Procurement Process**

- 1. Currently, the SOS Administrator procures one-year SOS electricity contracts for the Large Commercial customer load and staggered three-year SOS electricity contracts for the Small Commercial and Residential customer load. Should the length and/or the procurement structure of these contracts be changed? If so, why?
- 2. Currently, the SOS Administrator procures separate electricity contracts for the Residential, Small Commercial, and Large Commercial rate classes. Should there be any modifications to the separation of these rate classes? If so, why?

3. Currently, the bidding for SOS is scheduled on an annual basis with two bid days, one in December and one in January. Should there be any modification to the frequency and timing of these auctions? If so, why?
4. Should the SOS procurement process be combined with other PJM states? If so, why, and what would be the timing and frequency of the auction?

3. Finally, the Commission invites comments on any other appropriate adjustments to the SOS program in light of competitive developments in the District.

4. The Commission invites interested persons to submit comments within forty-five (45) days from the date of this Public Notice. Reply comments should be filed sixty (60) days from the date of this Public Notice. Written comments should be addressed to Brinda Westbrook-Sedgwick, Commission Secretary, Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia, 1325 G Street, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20005, and sent electronically on the Commission's website at [https://edocket.dcpSC.org/public/public\\_comments](https://edocket.dcpSC.org/public/public_comments). Persons with questions concerning this Public Notice should call (202) 626-5150 or send an email to [psc-commissionsecretary@dc.gov](mailto:psc-commissionsecretary@dc.gov).

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