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District of Columbia Public Service Commission
1325 G Street, N.W.
Suite 800
Washington, D.C. 20005

**Re: Restoring Lawful Electric Rates and Crediting District Consumers Following
Vacatur of Pepco's Multi-Year Rate Plan**

Dear Chairman Thompson and Commissioners Beverly and Trabue:

I write today to urge the District of Columbia Public Service Commission (Commission) to take immediate action to protect District of Columbia residents and small businesses following the recent decision of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals (Court) vacating the Commission's approval of Potomac Electric Power Company's (Pepco) multi-year rate plan.

The Court's decision makes clear that the electric rates currently being charged to District consumers were approved through a process that did not comply with the laws governing utility ratemaking. Thus, the current rates are invalid. However, the court's decision did not direct the Commission to order Pepco to charge the rates that were previously approved in June 2021. The Commission must now make that decision. The law guiding that decision is clear. D.C. Code § 34-607 states that all Commission orders shall remain in effect unless they are vacated by a lawful order of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

Under these circumstances, the most prudent and equitable course of action is for the Commission to immediately restore Pepco's electric distribution rates to the levels approved in June 2021. Doing so would place customers back on the last set of rates lawfully approved and would ensure that the Commission remains consistent with its statutory mandate in D.C. Code § 1-204.93 to set rates that are just and reasonable. While the Council recognizes that ratemaking proceedings can be complex and that utilities require financial stability to provide safe and reliable service, the public interest must remain paramount.

Equally important, the Commission should require Pepco to calculate and provide credits to customers reflecting the difference between the rates currently being charged and the previously lawful rates that preceded the vacated order. Allowing those charges to remain uncorrected would undermine public confidence in the regulatory process and impose an unjust burden on the very consumers the Commission is charged with protecting.



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My team and I hear daily from District residents who are receiving Pepco billing statements that are many times higher than their average. This is having a catastrophic effect on residents not just living at the lowest income levels, but on middle-income residents as well. This is not a sustainable situation.

I appreciate your prompt attention to this important matter and stand ready to work with the Commission to ensure that the District's utility regulatory framework continues to operate in a fair, transparent, and public-interest manner.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janeese Lewis George".

Janeese Lewis George
Councilmember, Ward 4
Council of the District of Columbia