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Lower Electric Generation Rates for SOS Customers Effective June 1st

(Washington, D.C.) Beginning June 1, 2011, electric bills will decrease for District residential customers of the Standard Offer Service (“SOS”) Program. The District of Columbia Public Service Commission (“PSC”) approved in March the results of a competitive auction for electricity supply which will result in lower rates for customers who buy their electricity through the SOS Program. Electric bills of SOS Program customers will decrease by 10.2% or about \$9.95 per month for the average user of 685 kwh/month. Small commercial SOS customers’ energy supply bills will decrease by 7.8%, or about \$21.05 per month for the average user. 36% of the electricity purchased in the District is through the SOS program.

The SOS Program is the default source for electrical energy for customers who have not chosen to purchase power through a certified competitive provider. The SOS Program is administered by Pepco under rules established by the PSC. Under legislation passed by the D.C. Council in 1999, Pepco itself no longer owns any power plants. All customers may choose any certified supplier for electricity supply. The PSC has designated Pepco to purchase electricity for SOS customers through power supply contracts in an annual auction. Pepco remains the sole company authorized to deliver electricity to D.C. customers, from whichever supplier a customer has chosen.

Beginning June 1, the cost of electricity for SOS customers will decline from 10.9 cents per kwh summer rate to 9.3 cents per kwh and will decline from 10.2 cents per kwh winter rate to 8.8 cents per kwh. As a result, the electricity portion of the average bill will decline from \$72.14 to \$62.20. The average overall residential bill (including cost of electricity and delivery charges) will be about \$88.

The District’s process continues to provide SOS customers with rates that are reflective of market conditions while at the same time providing protection against extreme volatility. The PSC encourages consumers to take steps to reduce their bills by using energy more efficiently. Consumers may contact the District Department of the Environment (DDOE) for information on energy efficiency and low-income assistance programs. DDOE’s hotline number is 202-673-6750. For more information on Standard Offer Service or energy efficiency programs, please visit the PSC website at www.dcpsc.org.

The District of Columbia Public Service Commission 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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