

# **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

FY 2024 PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

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### **1 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

*Mission:* The mission of the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia is to serve the public interest by ensuring that financially healthy utility companies provide safe, reliable and quality utility services at reasonable rates for District of Columbia customers, while fostering grid modernization, conservation of natural resources, preservation of environmental quality, and advancement of the District's climate policy commitments.

*Services*: The Public Service Commission regulates public utilities operating in the District of Columbia. It does so by issuing orders in formal proceedings that may include written comments or testimony, hearings, studies, and investigations; ensuring fair and appropriate utility prices; fostering competition by licensing utility service providers and supervising the competitive bidding process; ensuring that utility providers meet various environmental regulations and standards by operating in ways that conserve natural resources and preserve environmental quality; and resolving disputes among consumers and utility service providers. In addition to its regulatory services, the Commission also conducts outreach via its website, public forums, and various literatures in order to educate utility consumers and inform the public.

# 2 2024 OBJECTIVES

Strategic Objective

Ensure Safe, Reliable and Quality Electric Gas and Local Telecommunications Services at Just and Reasonable Rates

Foster Fair and Open Competition among Service Providers

Educate Consumers and Inform the Public

Create and maintain a highly efficient, transparent, and responsive District government.

Consider Environmental Issues In Adjudications and Infrastructure Matters

# **3 2024 OPERATIONS**

Operation Title	Operation Description
Ensure Safe, Reliable and Quali Rates	ty Electric Gas and Local Telecommunications Services at Just and Reasonable
One Call Inspections: Daily	Our one call inspector makes daily visits to construction sites to assure that
Service	contractors avoid utility lines when excavating.
USDOT Rating: Key Project	Annual rating by US Department of Transportation of the overall effectiveness of our pipeline safety program.
Pipeline Inspections: Daily Service	Our pipeline safety inspectors make daily visits to Washington Gas work sites to assure compliance with federal and D.C. safety standards.
Mergers and Acquisitions: Key Project	Consider applications for merger or acquisition of utility companies
Monopoly Request	The Commission conducts evidentiary or other hearings to determine whether
Adjudication: Key Project	proposed utility rate adjustments are just and reasonable.
PowerPath DC: Key Project	FC 1130, Modernizing the Energy Delivery System for Improved Sustainability, is a docket intending to explore new technologies and concepts that will all more efficient use of the energy delivery system.
Construction Projects: Key Project	The Commission continues to oversee utility construction projects to ensure that they contribute to the reliability and resiliency of the distribution system. Commission oversight helps to ensure that these projects will be constructed efficiently, with minimal disruption to consumers and with coordination with other District agencies.
Racial Equity: Key Project	In 2022, the Commission will establish a new position, the Equity and Ethics Officer, who will be responsible for (1) liaison with the Office of Racial Equity and the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability; and (2) advancement of racial equity within utility proposals, including clean energy proposals and climate change commitments.
Foster Fair and Open Competit	-
DC USTF: Key Project	The Commission oversees management of the Universal Service Trust Fund, including preparing the annual assessment rate, reviewing Verizon's surcharge calculation and collections, approving an annual budget and disbursements.
Renewable Portfolio Applications Granted: Daily Service	Increased use of renewable energy sources is the policy of the District of Columbia. The Commission approves applications from persons who generate electricity from solar, wind, biomass and other sources.
Competitive Applications Processed: Daily Service	Energy and telecommunications competitors must be licensed by the Commission. The timely processing of these applications assures a robust competitive environment.
Educate Consumers and Inform	the Public
Consumer Complaints and Inquiries: Daily Service	When consumers are unable to resolve an issue with a utility supplier, they may come to the Commission to file an informal or formal complaint. Our Consumer Specialists counsel the consumer, contact the utility and mediate a resolution to the issue.
Outreach Events: Daily Service	Our Consumer Specialists attend events at venues throughout the District to inform consumers about their rights regarding utility regulation.
Community Hearings: Key Project	In cases having significant impact on the public (e.g., applications for a rate increase), the Commission conducts Community Hearings at which it presents a summary of the case and invites members of the public to express their views.
Create and maintain a highly eff	icient, transparent, and responsive District government.
Complaint Management: Key Project	Percentage of Complaints resolved at an informal level is a measure of agency efficiency.

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Adjudication Management: Key Project	Adjudications are often complex proceedings involving evidentiary and community hearings. Completion of adjudications within 90 days of the close of the record is a measure of the efficiency of the staff.							
Consider Environmental Issues In Adjudications and Infrastructure Matters								
Environmental metrics established: Key Project	The Commission is charged by the Clean Energy DC Act with considering environmental issues when regulating utility and energy companies.							

#### 4 2024 KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND WORKLOAD MEASURES

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Ensure Safe, Reliable and Quality Elec	tric Gas and	l Local Telecomr	nunications Serv	vices at Just an	d Reasonable Ra	tes				
Adjudicative Case decisions issued within 90 days of record closure	Up is Better	Not Available	96%	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	100%	95%	Met
US Department of Transportation Rating of DC Pipeline Safety Program	Up is Better	Not Available	100%	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	100%	98%	Met
Educate Consumers and Inform the Po Number of Community Outreach	u <b>blic</b> Up is	New in 2024	New in 2024	Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual	37	35	Met
Events and Education Summits, Including Those Directed at Vulnerable Communities	Better	1000 11 2024	1000 11 2024	Measure	Measure	Measure	Measure	37	55	T GC
Create and maintain a highly efficient,	transparen	t, and responsive	e District govern	ment.						
Percent of Consumer Complaints Resolved at an informal level	Up is Better	99%	99%	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	100%	98%	Met
Percent of agency staff who were employed as Management Supervisory Service (MSS) employees prior to 4/1 of the fiscal year that had completed an Advancing Racial Equity (AE204) training facilitated by ORE within the past two years.	Up is Better	New in 2023	New in 2023	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	100%	·	
Percent of new hires that are District residents	Up is Better	New in 2023	62.5%	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	25%	-	-
Percent of employees that are District residents	Up is Better	New in 2023	35%	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	34.6%	-	-
Percent of new hires that are current District residents and received a high school diploma from a DCPS or a District Public Charter School, or received an equivalent credential from the District of	Up is Better	New in 2023	11.1%	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	7.7%	•	-

Key Performance Indicators

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Key Performance Indicators (continued)

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Percent of required contractor evaluations submitted to the Office of Contracting and Procurement on time.	Up is Better	New in 2023	New in 2023	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	No applicable incidents	-	-
Consider Environmental Issues In Adjudications and Infrastructure Matters										
Percentage of Adjudications or Infrastructure Cases Where Environmental Issue Considered	Up is Better	100%	Not Available	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	No Data Available	90%	
Percentage of RPS Applications Processed Within 30 Business Days of the Submission Date	Up is Better	New in 2024	New in 2024	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	No Data Available	85%	
Number of Solar Megawatts Added to the Electric Grid to Meet the Goals of the Local Solar Expansion Amendment Act of 2022	Up is Better	New in 2024	New in 2024	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	No Data Available	264	

#### Workload Measures

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One Call Inspections							
Number of 811 damage prevention inspections conducted	661	716	150	123	76	76	425
Pipeline Inspections	Pipeline Inspections						
Pipeline Safety inspections conducted	345	500	130	123	107	54	414
Renewable Portfolio Applications Granted							
Renewable Portfolio Standards Applications processed	2,703	2,221	1,079	1,108	1,014	890	4,091
Consumer Complaints and Inquiries							
Number of Consumer Complaints and Inquiries Processed	1,180	1,630	311	362	246	356	1,275