

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Department of Energy and Environment

DC SUSTAINABLE ENERGY UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD (DCSEUAB) MEETING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Call to Order

Chair Jamal Lewis called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM, December 9, 2025. The meeting was held virtually via Microsoft Teams video conference call meeting.

Roll Call/Instructions

Roll call was taken at 10:02 AM and the following people were in attendance:

Board Members

Name	In Attendance?	FY 2026 Regular Meetings Attendance Record
Jamal Lewis - Board Chair (Mayor's Designee)	Yes	3/3
Mansi Talwar (Councilmember Allen)	No	2/3
Sandra Mattavous-Frye (or OPC proxy)	Yes	3/3
Danielle Gurkin (PSC)	Yes	2/3
Pending (Electric Company)	N/A	N/A
Eric Jones (Building Management)	Yes	3/3
Vacant (Environment)	N/A	N/A
Sidra Siddiqui (Low-Income Community)	Yes	3/3
Jaleel Shujath (Economic Development)	No	2/3
Sasha Srivastava (Renewable Energy)	No	2/3
Vacant (Building Construction)	N/A	N/A
Dr. Larry Martin – Vice Chair (Council Chairperson Mendelson)	Yes	3/3
Pending (Gas Utility)	N/A	N/A

Other Attendees: Ben Burdick (DCSEU), Tamara Christopher (DCSEU), Jahmai Sharp (DCSEU), Patti Boyd (DCSEU), Crystal McDonald (DCSEU), Nikola Jovic (DCSEU), Rebecca Foster (VEIC), Jennifer Johnston (DOEE), Dave Epley (DOEE), Hussain Karim (DOEE), Mark Bryan (DOEE), Peter Damrosch (DOEE), Ivan Lanier (Pepco), Sarina Loy (Pepco), Adam Carlesco (OPC), Alex Howard (WGL)

Regulatory Updates

- Hussian Karim (DOEE) reminded the Board of the changes made to the SETF sections in Budget Support Act: Sections 6021 -6022 page 110 – 114
https://lims.dccouncil.gov/downloads/LIMS/57846/Signed_Act/B26-0265-Signed_Act.pdf?Id=220089
 - Changed the DCSEU's base contract amount from \$20 million to \$10 million beginning in FY27.
 - Allows DOEE to extend the DCSEU's contract for another option year in FY27.
- Hussian Karim (DOEE) provided an update on the lawsuit WGL filed against the District of Columbia challenging the Clean Energy D.C. Building Code Amendment Act of 2022, which included a ban on gas appliances (in certain buildings) starting in 2027. On September 25, 2025, the court held oral arguments, and the court is expected to share a decision in the next few months.
- Vice Chair Dr. Larry Martin asked for clarification on the lawsuit.
- Hussian Karim (DOEE) highlighted WGL's argument which states that the D.C. law (Clean Energy D.C. Building Code Amendment Act of 2022) is preempted by the federal Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA), which regulates energy use of appliances and prohibits state/local governments from setting their own efficiency standards.
- Peter Damrosch (DOEE) mentioned that the PSC approved WGL's rate increases at the end of November (last rate increase was two years ago).

Line No.		Present Base Rate Revenue	Increase			Revenue After Increase c/
			Pct. of Sys. Avg	\$	%	
Residential						
1	Heating/Cooling b/	\$ 74,739,509	110%	\$ 18,330,608	24.53%	\$ 93,070,117
2	Non-Heating/Cooling - IMA	\$ 2,020,915	87%	\$ 391,566	19.38%	\$ 2,412,481
3	Non-Heating/Cooling - Other b/	\$ 1,668,417	125%	\$ 464,995	27.87%	\$ 2,133,413
Commercial and Industrial						
4	Heating and/or Cooling <3,075 therms b/	\$ 4,964,847	110%	\$ 1,217,678	24.53%	\$ 6,182,525
5	Heating and/or Cooling >3,075 therms	\$ 38,280,214	87%	\$ 7,417,046	19.38%	\$ 45,697,261
6	Non-heating and Non-cooling	\$ 4,781,855	87%	\$ 926,516	19.38%	\$ 5,708,372
7	Combined Heat and Power b/	\$ 525,659	125%	\$ 146,503	27.87%	\$ 672,162
8	Natural Gas Vehicles b/	\$ 238,205	125%	\$ 66,389	27.87%	\$ 304,594
Group Metered Apartments						
8	Heating and/or Cooling <3,075 therms	\$ 726,885	87%	\$ 140,839	19.38%	\$ 867,724
9	Heating and/or Cooling >3,075 therms	\$ 16,931,317	87%	\$ 3,280,555	19.38%	\$ 20,211,873
10	Non-heating and Non-cooling	\$ 2,334,514	87%	\$ 452,328	19.38%	\$ 2,786,841
11	Interruptible (Customer Charges Only)	\$ 160,567	67%	\$ 24,085	15.00%	\$ 184,652
12	Special Contract (Customer Charges Only)	\$ 4,356	67%	\$ 653	15.00%	\$ 5,009
		Total Sales of Gas Revenue		\$ 147,377,260		\$ 32,859,762
		Total Increase Set By Order b/				\$ 20,250,912
		Remainder for Classes Above System Average				\$ 12,608,850
		% Increase For Overearning Classes				19.38%

- Eris Jones shared that the Building Energy performance Guidebook has been released and it open for comment: https://dc.beam-portal.org/helpdesk/kb/BEPS_Guidebook/108/?org=District%20of%20Columbia%20Department%20of%20Energy%20and%20Environment

FC 1167 Board Comments

- Vice Chair Dr. Larry Martin presented the following slides:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FC 1167

IN THE MATTER OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS CLIMATE CHANGE PROPOSALS

- October 10, 2024, Order No. 22313: By this Order, the Commission announces the next steps in this proceeding directing Pepco & WGL to file revised Climate Solutions/Business Plans, including new 15-Year Plans.
- Additionally, the Commission directs Pepco and WGL to demonstrate in these Plans how they will meet the District's climate goals over the next 15 years. Comments on the revised CSP, CBP, and 15-Year Plans are due within 60 days of the filing of the Plans, while reply comments are due within 90 days of the filing of the Plans.

RELATIONSHIP OF FC1167 TO FC1160

- The SEUAB has on several occasions submitted comments on FC1160: IN THE MATTER OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF METRICS FOR ELECTRIC COMPANY AND GAS COMPANY ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DEMAND RESPONSE PROGRAMS PURSUANT TO SECTION 201 (B) OF THE CLEAN ENERGY DC OMNIBUS AMENDMENT ACT OF 2018.
- FC1160 Order #20654 @ pg.34: "The CleanEnergy DC Act requires that the utility show that a proposed program is not "substantially similar" to those offered by the DCSEU. The Commission adopts the Working Group's proposal that the utilities: (1) present their EEDR proposals to DOEE, DCSEU, and the SEU Advisory Board prior to filing an Application with the Commission; ...we believe that review and comment by the DCSEU on a proposed program provides the utility with a direct route to learning whether a proposed EEDR program is duplicative of a DCSEU program or is not complimentary to its program." @pg. 36: The Commission DIRECTS the Potomac Electric Power Company to develop Energy Efficiency and Demand Response Programs, budgets and milestones consistent with paragraphs 75-90 of this Order (#20654)
- In FC1167 Pepco presents a 5-yr Climate Action Plan that includes apx. a half dozen EEDR initiatives originally proposed in some form in FC1160.
- FC1167 does not require the same level of coordination between the utilities and the SEU/SEUAB, and thus EE/DR initiatives approved in FC1167 might evade the coordination stipulated in FC1160.

IMPLICATIONS OF FC1160 FOR SEUAB COMMENTS ON FC1167

- In FC1160 Order #21417 the Commission summarizes DCSEU comments regarding Pepco program-specific concerns about duplication and harm to existing markets. DCSEU organizes its concerns about overlap into three (3) groups: (1) programs with little to no concern; (2) programs that need some additional coordination and clarification (four proposed programs); and (3) programs with the greatest need for additional effort to avoid duplication.
 - (a) Efficient Products;
 - (b) Small Business;
 - (c) Commercial Midstream;
 - (d) Existing Commercial Buildings; and
 - (e) LMI Home Energy

IMPLICATIONS OF FC1160 FOR SEUAB COMMENTS ON FC1167 (CON'T)

- Order #21417 further stipulates: "With respect to DCSEU's remaining program-specific concerns, as detailed herein in paragraph 38, and more general concerns about duplication and harm to existing markets, the Commission accepts DCSEU's recommendation that the Technical Issues Group should be used to address such issues. As previously explained, ongoing coordination will be critical."
- Subsequently, in Order #21539, issued Oct. 13, 2022, the Commission rescinds Order #21417 and states it will issue a revised order to provide more clarity within 30 days.
- No subsequent order has been issued to clarify Order #21417.
- The status of coordination required between Pepco's 5-yr. Climate Action Program containing EEDR initiatives now under consideration in FC1167 and potentially duplicative of the DC SEU is undetermined.

- Chair Jamal Lewis thank Vice Chair Dr. Larry Martin for compiling the FC 1160 and FC 1167 summary. Chair Lewis highlighted that Pepco consulted the Board on FC 1160 (EEDR programs) but did not loop in the Board to review Pepco's Climate Business Plan (FC 1167). Chair Lewis mentioned that the Board would like the same level of coordination in FC 1167 as FC 1160.
- Vice Chair Dr. Larry Martin mentioned that he was waiting to hear back from the PSC on the FC 1160 status and might lean on other Board members for support (Danielle Gurkin offered her assistance).
- Adam Carlesco (OPC) mentioned that the OPC would most likely be filing comments and supports the notion of the Board submitting comments as well.

Proposed Invitation to Council

- Sidra Siddiqui discussed the following outline:

Logistics

- Location: Wilson Building
- Timing: 60 min or 90 min
 - Lunch & learn OR end of day followed by mingling/snacks?
- Month: March or Feb (consult with Connor or Kate or Kevin)

Proposed run-of-show

- Framing the meeting (Jamal): Importance of energy efficiency with rising utility costs (Jennifer can provide talking points)
 - Goal: Advancing/ highlighting DCSEU's mission
- Pass to Council: Connor or Councilmember Allen -> how is the Council going to be responsive?
- Panel MC: Sidra (pre-planned questions)
 - Solar for All, AHEP, battery
 - Resident
 - Business success (any other suggestions outside of Howard Theatre?)
 - Howard Theatre (carbon neutrality while building local business strength)
 - Uprise energy - Chris Sewell
 - DC Green Bank - Brandi Colander
 - Howard Theatre - Chip Ellis
 - Battery (Boland?)
 - Affordable Housing Retrofit Accelerator (Building owner or resident?)
 - Workforce testimony (Is there someone who participated and is now an AHEP/AHRA contractor?)
- Council questions/comments
- Public questions/comments
- Concluding remarks from Board member: Any volunteers?

Other discussion items:

- Invite list (Open meeting)
 - Council & staff (Chief of Staffs)
 - EOM
 - Other District Boards (GBAC & DC CCCR)
 - Local advocates (Environmental Justice Coalition)

- Eric Jones recommended having more detail on the agenda, tying one or more items back to the Mayor's agenda, and showcasing the areas that need improvement by the DCSEU. Eric also reminded the Board that many Council members will not be running for re-election.
- Sidra Siddiqui shared that the panel would dive into the program details once the general discussion logistics are determined.
- Vice Chair, Larry Martin agreed that the Board needs to be sensitive to the political winds and inquired whether it would be helpful to connect with a councilmember who was not running for re-election. is not running for re-election 9/13 Council members are running for re-election

- Eric Jones shared that Anita Bonds, Wendell Felder, Treyon White, and Briann Nadel were the only councilmembers not running for re-election.
- Chair Jamal Lewis asked to meet with the DCSEU team to review the panel and brainstorm who would be the best fit.

New Business

- Mark Bryan provided background on the Municipal Investment Fund and invited Board members to the following events:
 - [Project Kick-off and External Stakeholder Convening](#) – January 21st
 - [Banks and Lenders Workshop](#) – January 22nd
 - [Consultants and Contractors Workshop](#) – February 4th
 - [Developers, Owners and Associations Workshop](#) – March 11th
- Jennifer Johnston discussed the rough timeline for the FY24/FY25 Boards annual report:
 - November/December 2025: Draft report
 - Early January 2026: Draft report open for feedback and comments
 - January 13, 2026: Board discusses edits to the report
 - February 10, 2026: Vote and send to Council

Follow-up items

- DCSEUAB to:
 - Meet with DCSEU staff to discuss Council convening panel.
 - Provide feedback on Pepco's climate business plan.
 - Draft FY24/FY25 annual report.

Future Agenda Items

- Approval of November & December Meeting Minutes
- DRAFT FC 1167 Comments
- DRAFT DCSEUAB Annual Report
- Legislative/Regularity Updates
- New Business
 - Public Comment

Adjournment

- Chair Jamal Lewis adjourned the meeting at 11:01 AM.

Acronyms used during this meeting

- AHRA - Affordable Housing Retrofit Accelerator
- ATO - Authorization to Operate
- CAEA - Clean and Affordable Energy Act of 2008
- CBE - Certified Business Enterprise
- CREF - Clean Renewable Energy Facility
- DCSEU - District of Columbia Sustainability Energy Utility
- DOEE - Department of Energy and Environment
- EEDR – Energy Efficiency and Demand Response
- FC – Formal Case
- GGRF – Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund

- MOTA – Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments
- OPC - Office of the People's Counsel
- PSC - Public Service Commission
- SEICBP - Sustainable Energy Infrastructure Capacity Building and Pipeline Program
- SETF - Sustainable Energy Trust Fund
- VPP - Virtual Power Plant
- WGL – Washington Gas Light