



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 4D

Washington, D.C. 20011

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RESOLUTION NO. 4D-2026-03

RESOLUTION URGING DISTRICT OFFICIALS TO ADDRESS UTILITY AFFORDABILITY

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D takes note of the following:

WHEREAS, the residents of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D (“ANC 4D”) are grappling with rising utility prices, with energy costs nearly doubling over the course of five years according to Inside Climate News¹, and Pepco and Washington Gas bills skyrocketing over the past several months;

WHEREAS, extreme weather events such as January’s “snowcreate” storm are exacerbating the impact of these rising costs by requiring residents to use more of their utilities to maintain comfort in their homes;

WHEREAS, several bills before the Council of the District of Columbia would ease the high energy burden on families or provide financial assistance to families in need;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Court of Appeals recently vacated the District of Columbia Public Service Commission’s (“DCPSC”) approval of Potomac Electric Power Company’s (“Pepco”) multi-year rate plan for failing to follow the process required by law and hold an evidentiary hearing on the disputed facts justifying a rate increase²;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 4D urges the Council to pass the Automatic Enrollment for Utility Affordability Act of 2025, the DC Water Billing and Disconnection

¹ Inside Climate News, “Which States Are Getting Hit Hardest by Electricity Price Increases?”, September, 25, 2025, <https://insideclimatenews.org/news/25092025/inside-clean-energy-electricity-rate-hikes-by-state>.

² WTOP News, “A court throws out an already approved Pepco rate increase”, March 6, 2026, <https://wtop.com/local/2026/03/a-court-throws-out-an-already-approved-pepco-rate-increase/>.

Modernization Act of 2025, the Utility Disconnection Protection Act of 2025, and the Guiding Renewable Interconnection and Distribution (GRID) Act of 2026;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 4D also urges the DCPSC to immediately revert rates to the most recent level prior to the 2024 multi-year rate plan adoption;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 4D urges the Mayor and Council to increase funding and benefit amounts for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (“LIHEAP”) as more families fall behind, as well as pursue legislative opportunities to reduce rates for District residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 4D authorizes Commissioners Kauffman and Abel to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this resolution, and in the event the designated Commissioners cannot carry out this duty, ANC 4D authorizes the Chair to designate another Commissioner to represent ANC 4D in all matters relating to this resolution.

This resolution urging District officials to address utility affordability, introduced by Commissioners Kauffman and Abel, was considered on March 18, 2026, before ANC 4D at a duly-noticed meeting of the Commission in the presence of a quorum. The vote of the Commission was 7 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstained. The resolution is hereby adopted as 4D-2026-03.

Attested by:


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Chair


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Secretary