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Councilmember Janeese Lewis George

A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend, on an emergency basis, the Retail Electric Competition and Consumer Protection Act of 1999 to disallow electricity service disconnection in a period of time after an order approved by the Public Service Commission is vacated and remanded.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Rate Plan Vacatur Interim Protections Emergency Amendment Act of 2026”.

Sec. 2. The Retail Electric Competition and Consumer Protection Act of 1999, effective May 9, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-107; D.C. Official Code § 34-1501 *et seq.*), is amended by adding a new section 106b to read as follows:

“Sec. 106b. Disconnection of service during remand interim period prohibited.

“(a) For the purposes of this section, the term “remand interim period” means the period of time after the issuance of a judicial order vacating a multi-year rate plan approved by the Commission and before a new rate plan is approved and instituted.

“(b) An electric company may not disconnect electric service for non-payment of a bill or fees during a remand interim period or for 15 calendar days thereafter.”.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

32           The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact  
33 statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved  
34 October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

35           Sec. 4. Effective date.

36           This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
37 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than 90  
38 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section 412(a) of  
39 the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788; D.C. Official  
40 Code § 1-204.12(a)).