

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
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**CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON FACILITIES**  
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**Memorandum**

**TO:** Chairman Phil Mendelson  
**FROM:** Councilmember Janeese Lewis George   
**RE:** Request to Agendize Measures for the March 31, 2026 Legislative Meeting  
**DATE:** March 26, 2026

This memorandum is to request that the following measures be placed on the agenda for the March 31, 2026 Legislative Meeting:

**Emergency Legislation**

- **Rate Plan Vacatur Interim Protections Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2026**
- **Rate Plan Vacatur Interim Protections Emergency Amendment Act of 2026**
- **Rate Plan Vacatur Interim Protections Temporary Amendment Act of 2026**

In January 2026, residents experienced significant spikes in electricity costs, with many reporting bills that doubled or increased by hundreds of dollars in a single month. This sharp rise has already led to an increase in shutoff notices, placing vulnerable households at immediate risk.

On March 5, 2026, the District of Columbia Court of Appeals vacated and remanded Public Service Commission Orders 22328 and 22358, which had approved Pepco's multi-year rate increase. As noted in recent filings by the Office of the People's Counsel, this decision calls into question the legal standing of current rates and supports reverting to the last valid rates in effect as of December 2024.

However, until the Public Service Commission takes action to adjust rates and provide relief, and until the Council has had an opportunity evaluate the tools available to us to do the same, residents remain exposed to unaffordable bills and potential service disconnections. This legislation is intended to temporarily (no more than 90 days) prohibit electricity shutoffs during this period of regulatory uncertainty, ensuring residents are not penalized while policymakers and regulators determine a path forward.

**Ceremonial Resolution**

- **Liz Crafford Recognition Resolution of 2026**

To recognize, honor, and celebrate Liz Crafford for her leadership, volunteerism, and dedication to protecting and restoring the natural environment in the District of Columbia.

Draft measures are attached. If you have any questions on the Rate Plan Vacatur Interim Protections Emergency, please contact Emily Near at [enear@dccouncil.gov](mailto:enear@dccouncil.gov). If you have any questions regarding the Liz Crafford ceremonial, please let me know.