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DCPSC's 2023 Supplier Diversity Hearing Focuses on Commitment to Inclusion

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (Commission) is set to host its 2023 Supplier Diversity Hearing on Thursday, July 27, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This legislative-style hearing will review the efforts of District-regulated utilities in promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion within the energy supplier landscape. This is a hybrid event, so attendees can [register](#) to watch online or in person at the Commission.

In April of 2021, the Commission executed a revised Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with Pepco, Washington Gas Light, and Verizon, D.C., requiring the utilities to report their use of diverse suppliers. This year, utility representatives will share details of their 2022 Supplier Diversity Reports, discussing metrics, spending averages, policy changes, outreach, workforce development efforts, reporting practices, lessons learned, and future plans for supplier diversity.

“Embracing supplier diversity in the utility industry is not just about empowering businesses. It's about igniting a powerful transformation. By fostering an inclusive ecosystem, we spark innovation, stimulate our local economies, enhance market access, and create a pathway towards a more sustainable and equitable future for everyone,” stated Emile Thompson, Commission Chairman.

The Supplier Diversity Hearing welcomes representatives from businesses, government agencies, non-profits, and organizations dedicated to creating a more equitable business landscape. Attendees will gain valuable insights and be empowered to implement viable diversity strategies within their respective organizations.

For more information about the 2023 Supplier Diversity Hearing, visit the Commission [website](#).

The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia is an independent agency established by Congress in 1913 to regulate electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies serving District ratepayers.

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