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## Fall 2008 Residential Utility Prices Forecast

### The Impact on Your Bill

People  
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### NATURAL GAS



### ELECTRICITY



### TELEPHONE



Prices Set  
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- The DCPSC sets the rate for the distribution portion of WGL's bill through a rate case. The distribution portion of the bill covers local delivery of natural gas to the customer.
- On December 28, 2007, the Commission issued Order No. 14694 that increased the average residential heating customer's bill by approximately 50 cents per month or \$6.00 per year (0.5%). There can be no change in distribution rates before October 1, 2011.

- The DCPSC sets the rate for the distribution portion of PEPCO's bill through a rate case. On January 30, 2008, the Commission issued Order No. 14712 which approved an increase in distribution rates. PEPCO indicated that the average monthly bill of a typical residential customer would increase 2.27% or \$1.74 under the new rates.
- Distribution service rates for Residential Aid Discount (RAD) customers are capped until August 2009.

- The DCPSC sets the rates for Verizon's basic residential services – Unlimited Flat Rate Service, Message Rate "B" Service, Economy I Service, and Flat/Rate Message Rate Service. There will not be any increase in Verizon's residential local service rates this winter.

Prices  
Not  
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- WGL and three alternative natural gas suppliers (Gateway Energy Services Corp., NOVEC Energy Solutions, and Washington Gas Energy Services) are accepting new residential customers in the District.
- Natural gas costs account for about 70% of total residential natural gas bills. The price for the natural gas itself is market-based meaning it varies with the market. WGL's natural gas prices for September are up about 13% over the year and may remain above year ago levels through November.
- The DCPSC audits WGL's natural gas procurement costs to ensure that WGL does not earn a profit on those costs.

- PEPCO and three alternative electric generation and transmission suppliers (Horizon Power and Light, Pepco Energy Services, and Washington Gas Energy Services) are accepting new residential customers in the District.
- Generation and transmission prices account for about 80% of residential electric bills.
- PEPCO's summer rate (generation and transmission) beginning June 1 was up about 18% from the year before. PEPCO's new winter rate (generation and transmission), beginning November 1, is up about 21% from a year ago.

- Verizon and seven Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs) (Access Point, ATX, Broadview Networks, Excel, VarTec, MetTel, and RNK) are accepting new District residential customers for local telephone service only. One CLEC (RCN) provides local service when bundled with other services.
- The Commission sets Verizon DC's rates. According to Order No. 15071, issued on September 26, 2008, Verizon's residential rates cannot increase before September 8, 2010.
- The DCPSC does not set the prices for Verizon's competitors so their prices are market-based. The DCPSC expects a small increase in unregulated telephone service prices in the winter of 2008-2009.

BLUE = DECREASE      YELLOW = NO CHANGE      ORANGE = SMALL-MODERATE INCREASE      RED = LARGE INCREASE