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Summer 2008 Residential Utility Prices Forecast

The Impact on Your Bill

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NATURAL GAS



ELECTRICITY



TELEPHONE



Prices Set
by the
DCPSC

- 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 resulted in increase of costs to the average residential heating customer by approximately \$0.50 per month or \$6.00 per year (0.5%).

- 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 will 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 basic residential local service rates this summer.

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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 May are up about 20% over the year and are expected to increase by about 10% in June 2008.
- 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 new summer rate (generation and transmission) beginning June 1 is up about 18% 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 bundled with other local services.
- 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 summer of 2008.

BLUE = DECREASE

YELLOW = NO CHANGE

ORANGE = SMALL-MODERATE INCREASE

RED = LARGE INCREASE