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Winter 2007-2008 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.
- A rate case is pending so this may affect the distribution portion of natural gas bills.

- The DCPSC sets the rate for the distribution portion of PEPCO's bill through a rate case. A rate case is pending so this may affect the distribution portion of bills.
- 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
Set by the
DCPSC

- WGL and three alternative natural gas suppliers (Econnergy, 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 December are about 4% less from a year ago.
- 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 winter rate (generation and transmission), which begins with November bills, is up roughly 16 percent from a year ago.
- The cap on RAD customers' generation rates expired in February 2007.

- Verizon and six Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs) (Access Point, Broadview, Trinsic (Matrix), MetTel, RNK, and VarTec) are accepting new District residential customers for local telephone service only. Seven additional CLECs (ACN, Cavalier, Excel, Lightwave, NationsLine, RCN, and USTel) provide local service when bundled with other 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 winter of 2007-2008.

BLUE = DECREASE

YELLOW = NO CHANGE

ORANGE = SMALL-MODERATE INCREASE

RED = LARGE INCREASE