

Public Service Commission

MISSION

The mission of the Public Service Commission is to promote adequate, safe, reliable, and efficient delivery of services to Maryland consumers by public service companies subject to the Commission's statutory mandates. We accomplish this by ensuring just and reasonable rates; supervising, monitoring, and regulating all public service companies; educating the public about utility issues; and promoting competition where appropriate. We conduct proceedings in an open, fair, and nondiscriminatory manner, taking into account the interests of consumers, utilities, businesses, and other affected parties. In our decisions, we weigh the importance of public safety, economy of the State, natural resource availability, climate impacts, fair labor standards, environmental quality, and environmental justice. We are committed to building an organization marked by its sense of teamwork, accountability, innovation, and diversity. We recruit, train, and retain quality personnel by providing good working conditions, effective leadership, and opportunities for personal and professional development.

VISION

We will be recognized as a national leader in regulatory excellence and innovation. We will demonstrate our commitment to the public, the companies we regulate, and our colleagues by building an environment of mutual respect, professionalism, and diversity.

KEY GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Goal 1. Ensure that gas and electric utility companies operate utility systems safely.

Obj. 1.1 Annually maintain a zero rate of reportable accidents from regulated utilities that are attributable to violations of Commission regulations.

Performance Measures	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
Number of accidents reported	26	25	19	18	14	5	0
Number of accidents attributed to violations of Commission regulations	1	2	0	0	0	0	0

Goal 2. Ensure that public service companies deliver reliable services and that utility systems are adequate to meet customer demand.

Obj. 2.1 Annually have no reportable service interruptions due to insufficient jurisdictional plant maintenance or improper plant operations.

Performance Measures	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
Number of reportable service interruptions	0	1	0	3	0	0	0
Number of reportable service interruptions due to insufficient plant maintenance or improper plant operations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Goal 3. Conduct open and fair proceedings and render timely decisions in accordance with statutory mandates and applicable law.

Obj. 3.1 Annually, 100 percent of Commission orders will be upheld on judicial review.

Performance Measures	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
Number of cases	116	61	57	81	91	81	81
Percent of orders upheld on judicial review	100%	50%	86%	100%	86%	100%	100%

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Goal 4. Ensure that all Maryland consumers have adequate consumer protection.

Obj. 4.1 Annually resolve 80 percent of consumer disputes within 60 days.

Performance Measures	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
Number of disputes	2,131	1,609	1,678	2,175	2,550	2,029	2,029
Percent of consumer disputes resolved within 60 days	95%	86%	67%	58%	69%	80%	80%

Goal 5. Ensure that rates for public utility services are just and reasonable.

Obj. 5.1 Assure adequate and fair rates to utilities and customers by having 100 percent of Commission rate orders upheld on judicial review.

Performance Measures	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
Number of rate cases	1	4	2	7	2	2	0
Percent of cases upheld on judicial review	100%	50%	50%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Goal 6. Ensure that telecommunications companies provide reliable services.

Obj. 6.1 Annually, the major carriers will meet their service objectives for resolving trouble spots, providing timeliness of repair, meeting appointments for installation, answering inquiries to business offices, and maintaining the operability of pay telephones 95 percent of the time.

Performance Measures	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
Percent of time that major carriers report meeting service objectives (resolving trouble spots, timeliness of repair, etc.)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Goal 7. Ensure that taxicabs and passenger-for-hire carriers engage in safe practices.

Obj. 7.1 Annually maintain a zero fatality rate from accidents attributable to vehicle safety violations by taxicabs and passenger-for-hire vehicles.

Performance Measures	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
Number of taxicabs regulated	1,330	1,244	1,152	1,055	1,056	1,026	1,023
Number of passenger-for-hire vehicles regulated with a passenger capacity of less than 16	243,461	244,205	356,783	371,711	286,030	312,752	312,783
Number of passenger-for-hire vehicles regulated with a passenger capacity of 16 or more	2,167	1,803	1,761	1,744	1,414	1,500	1,500
Safety inspections of taxicabs by Commission inspectors	274	177	285	185	169	200	200
Number of safety inspections of passenger-for-hire vehicles by Commission inspectors or an authorized representative	3,394	3,208	3,447	3,704	3,267	3,500	3,500
Ratio of total number of safety inspections to total number of reported vehicles in service at the end of the fiscal year	1.00:1	1.00:1	1.00:1	1.00:1	1.00:1	1.00:1	1.00:1
Reported fatalities from accidents attributable to vehicle safety violations by taxicabs and passenger-for hire vehicles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0