

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
1325 G STREET, N.W., SUITE 800  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005**

**ORDER**

**March 9, 2017**

**FORMAL CASE NO. 1130, IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO  
MODERNIZING THE ENERGY DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR INCREASED  
SUSTAINABILITY, Order No. 18717**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. By this Order, the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (“Commission”) grants the District of Columbia Government’s (“District Government”) Motion for Enlargement of Time to File Initial Comments and Reply Comments to the Staff Report on modernizing the distribution energy delivery system for increased sustainability (“MEDSIS Staff Report”). Therefore, initial comments on the MEDSIS Staff Report are due April 10, 2017, and reply comments are due May 10, 2017.

**II. BACKGROUND**

2. In response to intervenors’ requests in both *Formal Case No. 1103* and *Formal Case No. 1123*, on June 12, 2015, by Order No. 17912, Commission initiated an investigation into modernizing the energy delivery system in the District of Columbia.<sup>1</sup> The goal of this proceeding is to focus on identifying technologies and policies that can be implemented to modernize the distribution energy delivery system for increased sustainability. Additionally the Commission hopes to further establish a distribution energy delivery system that is more reliable, efficient, cost effective, and interactive.

3. After holding three workshops between October 2015 and April 2016, and considering comments submitted by interested persons in the *Formal Case No. 1130* docket, the Commission on January 27, 2017, released the MEDSIS Staff Report and invited the public to submit initial comments and reply comments by March 27, 2017 and April 26, 2017, respectively.

4. On March 1, 2017, the District Government submitted a Motion for Enlargement of Time to File Comments, requesting a two week extension “by which the public may submit its initial comments – by April 10, 2017 [with reply comments due] 30 days thereafter – by May 10, 2017.”<sup>2</sup> District Government asserts that good cause exists to grant their Motion because “[d]ue

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<sup>1</sup> *Formal Case No. 1130, In the Matter of the Investigation into Modernizing the Energy Delivery System for Increased Sustainability* (“*Formal Case No. 1030*”), Order No. 17912, rel. June 12, 2015.

<sup>2</sup> *Formal Case No. 1130*, District of Columbia’s Government Motion for Enlargement of Time to File Comments, at 1-2, filed March 1, 2017 (“Motion”).

to the importance of the subject matter[.]. . . the District has implemented a 30-day internal review period for initial comments on the Report.”<sup>3</sup> The District Government goes on to assert that given the fact that this proceeding lacks actual parties, it did not obtain consent for its requested relief from any other person.<sup>4</sup> However, District Government “submits that the public will not be prejudiced in any way by the granting of this relief, and the Commission will benefit from having a fuller record upon which to base any decisions regarding the contents of the Report.”<sup>5</sup>

### III. DECISION

5. The Commission has broad authority in managing its docket. Generally, the Commission will grant a request of this nature if good cause is shown.<sup>6</sup> The Commission also considers whether granting the motion would be reasonable,<sup>7</sup> would prejudice any party to the proceeding,<sup>8</sup> or would cause inordinate delay.<sup>9</sup>

6. Given the importance of the MEDSIS Initiative and the complexity of the issues presented in the MEDSIS Staff Report, the Commission finds that good cause exists to provide the District Government, which sets the District’s energy policy, and the public in general, additional time to fully consider and comment on the content of the Report. Furthermore, considering the fact that this is not a contested case, the Commission finds that District Government’s Motion is non-prejudicial and reasonable. Therefore, the Commission grants the District Government’s request.

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<sup>3</sup> Motion at 1.

<sup>4</sup> Motion at 2.

<sup>5</sup> Motion at 2.

<sup>6</sup> See, e.g., *Formal Case No. 962, In the Matter of the Implementation of the District of Columbia Telecommunications Competition Act of 1996 and Implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, Order No. 12428, ¶ 13, rel. July 2, 2002.

<sup>7</sup> See, e.g., *Formal Case No. 1041, In the Matter of the Investigation into Washington Gas Light’s Compliance with its Tariffs*, Order No. 14571 at 3, n.7, rel. September 12, 2007; *Formal Case No. 712, In the Matter of the Investigation into the Public Service Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure*, Order No. 15353, ¶ 2, rel. August 10, 2009.

<sup>8</sup> See, e.g., *TAC 19, Petition of Verizon Washington, DC Inc. for Arbitration Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, Order No. 13873, rel. February 7, 2006. See also *Gas Tariff 01-1, In the Matter of the Application of Washington Gas Light Company, District of Columbia Division, For Authority to Amend its General Service Provisions (“GT 01-1”)*, Order No. 15293, rel. June 4, 2009.

<sup>9</sup> See, e.g., *Formal Case No. 945*, Order No. 14305, ¶ 5, rel. May 24, 2007; *Formal Case No. 945, Order No. 14811*, ¶ 4, rel. May 13, 2008.

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

7. District of Columbia Government's Motion for Enlargement of Time to File Comments is **GRANTED**; and

8. Initial comments on the MEDSIS Staff Report are due on April 10, 2017, and reply comments are due May 10, 2017.

**A TRUE COPY:**

**BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Brinda Westbrook-Sedgwick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B'.

**CHIEF CLERK:**

**BRINDA WESTBROOK-SEDGWICK  
COMMISSION SECRETARY**