

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

October 3, 2025

**FORMAL CASE NO. 988, IN THE MATTER OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF UNIVERSAL
SERVICE STANDARDS AND THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE TRUST FUND FOR THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,**

1. The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (“Commission”) hereby gives notice that, on September 29, 2025, the District of Columbia Universal Service Trust Fund Administrator (“DC USTF Administrator”), Solix, Inc. (“Solix”), submitted a Proposed 2026 calendar year budget, including a proposed assessment rate of .0037 or 0.37% (“Proposed 2026 USTF Budget”).¹

2. The Proposed 2026 DC USTF Budget recommends a budget not to exceed \$441,750, a decrease from the 2025 DC USTF budget of \$446,000. The Proposed 2026 DC USTF Budget includes a decrease to the Lifeline distribution line item (\$28,500). The Proposed 2026 DC USTF Budget also includes a slight decrease for the Telecommunications Relay Service (“TRS”) line item (\$157,500) and a slight increase for the Captioned Telephone line item (\$11,400) based on the current contracts with Hamilton Relay; no change for the independent audit (\$28,000) line item; no change to the DC USTF Administrator administrative fees (\$80,000); no change to the TRS Advisory Board fees (\$2,000); and no change to the Consumer Education Program (“CEP”) line item (\$45,000), which includes both the CEP and funding for Department of Energy and Environment (“DOEE”) outreach staff. There is a \$1,000 line item for printing costs assessed by DOEE to promote Lifeline service, labeled as the DOEE Printer. Solix proposes reducing the year end carryover fund balance by \$93,500 to offset the 2026 budgetary expenses. This proposed budget, combined with the reported and estimated retail revenues of \$94,109,965, yields a proposed assessment rate of 0.0037 or 0.37%, which is an increase in the assessment rate for the 2026 budget from 0.0025 or 0.25%.² Contributors to the DC USTF will pay an increased assessment in the calendar year 2026.

3. All persons interested in commenting on the Proposed 2026 DC USTF Budget may submit written comments and reply comments not later than 10 and 20 days, respectively, after the Commission’s issuance of this Notice. Comments are to be addressed to Brinda Westbrook-Sedgwick, Commission Secretary, Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia, 1325 G Street, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20005 and submitted electronically on the Commission’s website at https://edocket.dcpsc.org/public/public_comments. Copies of the

¹ *Formal Case No. 988, In the Matter of the Development of Universal Service Standards and the Universal Service Trust Fund for the District of Columbia*, Recommendation of the DC USTF 2025 Budget (“Proposed 2026 DC USTF Budget”), filed September 29, 2025.

² Proposed 2026 DC USTF Budget, Attachment A.

Proposed 2026 DC USTF budget may be obtained by visiting the Commission's website at www.dcpsec.org. Once at the website, open the "eDocket" tab, click on "Search Current Dockets" and input "FC 988" as the case number and "1467" as the item number. Copies may also be purchased at cost by contacting the Commission Secretary at (202) 626-5150 or PSC-CommissionSecretary@dc.gov.

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, flowing style.

CHIEF CLERK:

**BRINDA WESTBROOK-SEDGWICK
COMMISSION SECRETARY**