



Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia
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Commission Open Meeting

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(Washington, D.C.) The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (Commission) approved eight items before the Commission at its June 7th Open Meeting. The matters include:

1. **[Formal Case No. 712, In the Matter of the Investigation into the Public Service Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.](#)** This Order grants the Motion of Clearview Electric, Inc., d/b/a Clearview Energy, for clarification of Title 15, Chapter 3 "Consumer Rights and Responsibilities" commonly known as the "Consumer Bill of Rights" or "CBOR." The Commission clarifies that only "written contracts" entered into between consumers and energy suppliers require written signatures from consumers. CBOR Section 327.1 *et seq.*, does not require energy suppliers to obtain a signed, written contract to enter into an agreement for electric or gas supply where; 1) the consumer contracts with the supplier via telephone and the supplier obtains an independent Third Party Verification or electronic recording pursuant to CBOR § 327.21; or 2) the consumer contracts with the supplier via Internet or other technological means whereby the consumer submits the application electronically, constituting an electronic signature, pursuant to CBOR § 327.28.
2. **[Formal Case No. 712, In the Matter of the Investigation into the Public Service Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.](#)** This Order grants in part and denies in part the Office of the People's Counsel's Petition to Initiate a Rulemaking Proceeding to Amend the Utility Consumer Bill of Rights. This Order also grants Verizon Washington DC Inc.'s Motion for Enlargement of Time to file comments.
3. **[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.](#)** This Order grants Verizon Washington, DC Inc.'s (Verizon DC) Request for DC Universal Service Trust Fund (DC USTF) Funding Application for the First Quarter of 2017 for the provision of Lifeline telephone service to low-income District of Columbia customers. The Commission directs the DC USTF Administrator to reimburse Verizon DC for the \$15,216.32 requested by Verizon DC for the First Quarter of 2017 within 15 days of the date of this Order.
4. **[Formal Case No. 1017, In the Matter of the Development and Designation of Standard Offer Service in the District of Columbia.](#)** This Order addresses the Commission's review of the provision of Standard Offer Service ("SOS") in the District of Columbia. In addition, this Order:
 - a. Directs the Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco) to file a description of the procedures it employs to mitigate potential conflicts of interests and otherwise ensure that Exelon Generation Company, LLC (ExGen) does not receive any competitive advantage as an Exelon affiliate when bidding in the District of Columbia's SOS auction;
 - b. Directs Pepco to remove the estimates of marketing and customer education costs from third party suppliers when it files the SOS rates for the June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019 service year; and

- c. Directs Pepco to add a 24-hour cure period from the date for qualification materials for wholesale suppliers are due to cure any deficiencies in those materials in the Request for Proposal and Wholesale Full Requirements Service Agreement.

Finally, the Order denies the Office of the People's Counsel's Motion Requesting a Full Evidentiary Hearing on the provision of SOS in the District of Columbia.

5. **Formal Case No. 1125, In the Matter of the Promotion of the Utility Discount Programs.** This Order approves the District Department of Energy and Environment's (DOEE) Invoices for the Second Quarter of Fiscal Year 2017 for the payment of Utility Discount Program administrative expenses. The District of Columbia Universal Service Trust Fund is directed to pay \$7,347.55; Potomac Electric Power Company is directed to pay \$56,076.22; Washington Gas Light Company is directed to pay \$31,709.95; and DC Water is directed to pay \$31,733.42 to DOEE within 15 days of the date of this Order.
6. **Formal Case No. 1119, In the Matter of the Joint Application of Exelon Corporation, Pepco Holdings, Inc., Potomac Electric Power Company, Exelon Energy Delivery Company, LLC and New Special Purpose Entity, LLC for Authorization and Approval of Proposed Merger Transaction.** This Order approves the proposed Arrearage Management Program plan filed on October 28, 2016, by the Potomac Electric Power Company's pursuant to Commitment No. 24 in Attachment B of Order No. 18148 as prescribed by the Order.
7. **Formal Case No. 1140, In the Matter of the Investigation Into the Establishment of a Purchase of Receivables Program for the Natural Gas Supplier and their Customers in the District of Columbia.** This Order directs the Washington Gas Light Company to develop a self-contained Purchase of Receivables Program (POR) for natural gas suppliers and their customers in the District of Columbia and file the POR and other information as directed by this Order with the Commission within 30 days of the date of this Order. Comments on WGL's filing are due within 15 days of the filing date and reply comments are due 15 days thereafter. The Order denies the request of the Office of the People's Counsel (OPC) that WGL be directed to file all reports associated with its POR program in Maryland with this Commission. The Order also denies OPC's request that WGL be required to demonstrate that the customer complaints associated with its eService system continue to trend downward as a condition precedent to implementing a POR program. Finally, the Order grants the Retail Energy Supply Association's motion to file comments out of time.
8. **Formal Case No. 1142, In the Matter of the Merger of AltaGas Ltd. and WGL Holdings, Inc.** This Order grants the Petition for Leave to Intervene on behalf of Local 2 of the Office and Professional Employees International Union, AFL-CIO (OPEIU Local 2). OPEIU Local 2 is entitled to participate fully in this proceeding.

A recording of the Commission Open meeting will be available on the Commission's website within three business days from June 7, 2017.

The next regular Commission meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. The proposed agenda for the next Commission meeting will be posted at least 48 hours before the announced meeting.

The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia is an independent agency established by Congress in 1913 to regulate electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies in the District of Columbia.

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