## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 1333 H STREET, N.W., 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, WEST TOWER WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

October 10, 2013

## FORMAL CASE NO. 813, IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF POTOMAC ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY FOR AN INCREASE IN ITS RETAIL RATES FOR THE SALE OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY,

and

## 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 June 27, 2013, the Response of the District Department of the Environment's Energy Office ("DDOE") to Order No. 17161 ("DDOE Response")<sup>1</sup> was filed with the Commission. On October 1, 2013, the District of Columbia Universal Service Trust Fund Administrator ("DC USTF Administrator"), Rolka Loube Saltzer Associates, filed a recommendation on the DDOE Response("Recommendation").<sup>2</sup>

2. The Commission reviewed DDOE's invoices for its costs in administering the Consumer Education Program ("CEP") and the Utility Discount Program ("UDP") eligibility verification activities for fiscal year ("FY") 2012 in Order No. 17161.<sup>3</sup> In that Order, the Commission questioned charges for the office supplies and the printing and duplicating line items.<sup>4</sup> For these two line items, the Commission directed DDOE to provide information to substantiate the costs attributed to these line items.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Formal Case No. 813, In the Matter of the Application of Potomac Electric Power Company for an Increase in its Retail Rates for the Sale of Electrical Energy, and 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 ("Formal Case Nos. 813 and 988"), Response of the District Department of the Environment's Energy Office to Order No. 17161 ("DDOE Response"), filed June 27, 2013.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> *Formal Case No.* 988, Comments on the DDOE Response to Commission Order No. 17161, at paragraphs 37 and 38, filed October 1, 2013.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> *Formal Case Nos. 813 and 988*, Order No. 17161, rel. June 13, 2013.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Order No. 17161, ¶ 38.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Order No. 17161, ¶ 37-38.

3. In its Response, DDOE provides explanations for its allocation of costs to the office supplies and printing and duplication line items. DDOE explains that the only item charged to the office supplies line item for FY 2012 was a fax machine, the costs of which are solely attributable to the DC USTF.<sup>6</sup> DDOE also asserts that printing and duplicating costs were erroneously omitted from the first version of DDOE's invoices and correctly added in the second version of the invoices.<sup>7</sup>

4. In its Recommendation, the DC USTF Administrator discusses the fax machine expense, noting that it has been paid.<sup>8</sup> The DC USTF Administrator has nothing to add to DDOE's response concerning DDOE's explanation of the printing and duplication line item.<sup>9</sup>

5. All persons interested in commenting on the DDOE's Response to Order No. 17161 and the DC USTF Administrator's Recommendation may submit written comments and reply comments not later than ten (10) and twenty (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, 1333 H Street, N.W., West Tower, Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20005. Copies of these documents may be obtained by visiting the Commission's website at <u>www.dcpsc.org</u> or at cost, by contacting the Commission Secretary at (202) 626-5150 or <u>bwestbrook@psc.dc.gov</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> DDOE Response at 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> DDOE Response at 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Recommendation at 1-2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Recommendation at 2.