

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

December 13, 2018

FORMAL CASE NO. 1125, IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMOTION OF THE UTILITY DISCOUNT PROGRAMS

1. The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (“Commission”) hereby gives notice that, on November 30, 2018, the Department of Energy and Environment (“DOEE”) filed its invoices for DOEE’s Utility Discount Program (“UDP”) administrative expenses and costs for the Consumer Education Program (“CEP”) for the Fourth Quarter of Fiscal Year 2018 (“Fourth Quarter FY 2018”).¹

2. In Fiscal Year 2018 (“FY 2018”), DOEE is the administrator for three of the four low-income UDPs² as well as the CEP.³ As such, DOEE performed administrative functions that are to be reimbursed by Washington Gas Light Company (“WGL”), the Potomac Electric Power Company (“Pepco”), and the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (“DC Water”); and the District of Columbia Universal Service Trust Fund (“DC USTF”), and it incurred CEP costs that are to be reimbursed by WGL, Pepco, DC Water, and the DC USTF. In Order No. 17246, the Commission approved a new process for DOEE to request reimbursement for its expenses, which includes issuing a public notice when invoices are filed with the Commission to obtain public comment on these invoices.⁴

3. In DOEE’s filing of the Fourth Quarter FY 2018 Invoices, DOEE includes information on Fourth Quarter advertising, Fourth Quarter UDP administrative expenditures, and Fourth Quarter application activity.⁵ DOEE notes that it paid invoices for only 95% of the CEP

¹ *Formal Case No. 1125, In the Matter of the Promotion of the Utility Discount Programs (“Formal Case No. 1125”)*, Department of Energy and Environment’s Motion to File its September 2018 Media Buys Report and Fiscal Year 2018 Fourth Quarter Invoices Out of Time (“DOEE Fourth Quarter FY 2018 Invoices”), filed November 30, 2018.

² The four UDPs in the District of Columbia are the Customer Assistance Program (“CAP”) for water customers; Lifeline service, for telephone service customers; Residential Aid Discount (“RAD”) for electric service customers; and Residential Essential Service (“RES”) for gas service customers.

³ The Commission notes that as of October 1, 2013, DOEE is no longer performing administrative functions for the Lifeline service program, but remains the administrator of the RES, RAD, and CAP programs.

⁴ *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”)*, Order No. 17246, rel. September 19, 2013.

⁵ Fourth Quarter FY 2018 Invoices, Attachment B at 1-2. The Commission notes that the tables are not paginated, so the page numbers are the Commission’s additions.

because invoices for two of the print vendors were received too late to be paid from FY 2018 funds.⁶ DOEE also includes the invoices for the Fourth Quarter FY 2018 and several tables that provide details on the expenses incurred by DOEE in Fourth Quarter FY 2018. The first table is the UDP administrative budget summary, which breaks down UDP expenditures by line item.⁷ DOEE's next table breaks down the expenses for the CEP, itemizing the amounts spent on the various outreach programs.⁸ The third table provides detail regarding the expenses incurred for the UDP administrative budget.⁹ The next four pages are the separate invoices for the Fourth Quarter FY 2018 for the DC USTF, Pepco, WGL, and DC Water, itemizing the expenses by line item.¹⁰

4. All persons interested in commenting on the DOEE Fourth Quarter FY 2018 Invoices 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. Copies of DOEE's Fourth Quarter FY 2018 Invoices may be obtained by visiting the Commission's website at www.dcpsc.org. Once at the website, open the "eDocket" tab, click on "Search database" and input "FC 1125" as the case number and "273" as the item number. Copies of DOEE's Fourth Quarter FY 2018 Invoices may also be purchased, at cost, by contacting the Commission Secretary at (202) 626-5150 or PSC-CommissionSecretary@dc.gov.

⁶ DOEE Fourth Quarter FY 2018 Invoices, Attachment A at 1. Because of the untimely submission of these invoices, these two vendors agreed to waive the charges for these services. The Commission also notes that the pages in Attachment A not paginated, so the page numbers are the Commission's additions.

⁷ DOEE Fourth Quarter FY 2018 Invoices, Attachment B at 3.

⁸ DOEE Fourth Quarter FY 2018 Invoices, Attachment B at 4.

⁹ DOEE Fourth Quarter FY 2018 Invoices, Attachment at 5.

¹⁰ DOEE Fourth Quarter FY 2018 Invoices, Attachment at 6-9.