

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**September 29, 2017**

**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 26, 2017, the District of Columbia Universal Service Trust Fund Administrator (“DC USTF Administrator”), Solix, Inc. (“Solix”), submitted a proposed 2018 calendar year budget, including a proposed assessment rate of 0.000535 or 0.0535% (“Proposed 2018 DC USTF Budget”).<sup>1</sup>

2. The Proposed 2018 DC USTF Budget recommends a budget not to exceed \$493,375, a decrease from the 2017 DC USTF budget of \$529,375. The Proposed 2018 DC USTF Budget includes a decrease in the Lifeline distribution line item (\$90,000). The Proposed 2018 DC USTF budget also includes a decrease for the Telecommunications Relay Service (“TRS”) line item (\$80,000) based on the current contract with Hamilton Relay; a decrease for the Captioned Telephone line item (\$30,000) based on the contract with Hamilton Relay; an increase for the independent audit (\$25,000) line item; a slight increase in the Lifeline Eligibility Verification line item (\$64,000); an increase to the DC USTF Administrator administrative fees (\$77,000); no change to the TRS Advisory Board fees (\$2,000); and no change to the Consumer Education Program line item (\$25,000). There is a \$1,000 line item for printing costs assessed by the District Department of Energy and Environment to promote Lifeline service, labeled as the DOE Printer. The Proposed 2018 DC USTF contains a reduction in the fund balance by \$400,000 to offset the 2018 budgetary expenses. This proposed budget combined with the reported and estimated retail revenues of \$174,389,892 yields a proposed assessment rate of 0.000535 or 0.0535%, which is below the assessment rate of 0.0701% for the 2017 budget.<sup>2</sup> Contributors to the DC USTF will pay a lower assessment in calendar year 2018.

3. All persons interested in commenting on the Proposed 2018 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. Copies of the Proposed 2018 DC USTF Budget may be obtained by visiting the Commission’s website at [www.dcpsc.org](http://www.dcpsc.org). Once at the

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<sup>1</sup> *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 2018 Budget (“Proposed 2018 DC USTF Budget”), filed September 26, 2017.

<sup>2</sup> Proposed 2018 DC USTF Budget, Attachment A.

website, open the “eDocket” tab, click on “Search database” and input “FC 988” as the case number and “1179” 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](mailto:PSC-CommissionSecretary@dc.gov).