

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

December 8, 2015

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, 2015, 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 2015 (“Fourth Quarter FY 2015”).¹

2. In Fiscal Year 2015 (“FY 2015”), DOEE is the administrator for three of the four low-income UDPs² as well as the CEP.³ As such, it performed administrative functions that are to be reimbursed by Washington Gas Light Company (“WGL”), the Potomac Electric Power Company (“Pepco”), and DC Water; and incurred CEP costs that are to be reimbursed by WGL, Pepco, DC Water, and the District of Columbia Universal Service Trust Fund (“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 its Fourth Quarter FY 2015 Invoices, DOEE includes the invoices for the Fourth Quarter FY 2015 and several tables that provide details on the expenses incurred by DOEE in Fourth Quarter FY 2015. The first table is the UDP administrative budget summary,

¹ *Formal Case No. 1125, In the Matter of the Promotion of the Utility Discount Programs (“Formal Case No. 1125”)*, Letter to Brinda Westbrook-Sedgwick, Commission Secretary, from Brian R. Caldwell, Assistant Attorney General, on behalf of the District Department of Energy and Environment (“Fourth Quarter FY 2015 Invoices”), filed November 30, 2015.

² The four Utility Discount Programs in the District of Columbia are the Customer Assistance Program (“CAP”) for water customers; Lifeline, for telephone customers; Residential Aid Discount (“RAD”) for electric customers; and Residential Essential Service (“RES”) for gas 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*, Order No. 17246, rel. September 19, 2013.

which breaks down UDP expenditures by line item.⁵ DOEE's next table breaks down the expenses for the CEP, itemizing the amounts spent on the various outreach programs.⁶ The third table provides details regarding the expenses incurred for the UDP administrative budget.⁷ DOEE then provides an income statement including all expenses for the entire fiscal year as well as the Fourth Quarter FY 2015, breaking them down by line item.⁸ The next four pages are the separate invoices for the Fourth Quarter FY 2015 for the DC USTF, Pepco, WGL, and DC Water, itemizing the expenses by line item.⁹ For Pepco, WGL, and DC Water, the invoices contain credits for unexpended funds for UDP administrative expenses in previous years.¹⁰

4. All persons interested in commenting on the DOEE Fourth Quarter FY 2015 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 2015 Invoices may be obtained by visiting the Commission's website at www.dcpssc.org. Once at the website, open the "eDocket" tab, click on "Search database" and input "FC 1125" as the case number and "80" as the item number. Copies of DOEE's Fourth Quarter FY 2015 Invoices may also be purchased, at cost, by contacting the Commission Secretary at (202) 626-5150 or PSC-CommissionSecretary@dc.gov.

⁵ Fourth Quarter FY 2015 Invoices, Attachment at 1. The Commission notes that the tables are not paginated, so the page numbers are the Commission's additions.

⁶ Fourth Quarter FY 2015 Invoices, Attachment at 2.

⁷ Fourth Quarter FY 2015 Invoices, Attachment at 3.

⁸ Fourth Quarter FY 2015 Invoices, Attachment at 4.

⁹ Fourth Quarter FY 2015 Invoices, Attachment at 5-8.

¹⁰ Fourth Quarter FY 2015 Invoices at 1, Attachment at 6-8.