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## Commission Open Meeting

### Immediate Release

(Washington, D.C.) The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (Commission) approved eight actions items before the Commission at its December 4, 2018 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 delegates authority to the Office of the General Counsel to issue orders approving Consumer Pamphlets as required by Commission rules.
2. [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 Third Quarter of 2018 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 \$12,486.50 requested by Verizon DC for the Third Quarter of 2018 within 15 days of the date of this Order.
3. [Formal Case No. 1017, In the Matter of the Development and Designation of Standard Offer Service in the District of Columbia.](#) This Order grants Sierra Club's Petition to Intervene and accepts its comments for the record.
4. [Formal Case No. 1125, In the Matter of the Promotion of the Utility Discount Programs.](#) This Order grants the unopposed Motion of the Utility Discount Program Education Working Group to Modify the FY 2019 Consumer Education Program Plan.
5. [Formal Case No. 1142, In the Matter of the Merger of AltaGas Ltd. and WGL Holdings, Inc.](#) This Order denies the Joint Motion of the Office of the People's Counsel and the District Government Requesting the Commission Clarify that AltaGas-Washington Gas's Merger Condition No. 54 requires an examination of the Impact of the District's Environmental Policies on the Costs and Benefits of Accelerating the PROJECTpipes Program. Even though the Commission declines to direct Washington Gas to modify its statement of work drafted pursuant to Term No. 54 to include an evaluation of the effect of the District of Columbia's environmental policies on the possible acceleration of PROJECTpipes, the Commission expects that consideration of environmental factors will be included in the final cost benefit analysis filed with the Commission.
6. [RM3-2014-01, Consumer Rights and Responsibilities and Formal Case No. 712, In the Matter of the Investigation into the Public Service Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.](#) This Order adopts final rules amending Chapter 3, "Consumer Rights and Responsibilities" of Title 15 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations. The rules in Attachment A of this Order shall become effective upon publication of the Notice of Final Rulemaking in the D.C. Register.
7. [RM29-2018-01, In the Matter of 15 DCMR Chapter 29-Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard.](#) This Order adopts final rules amending Chapter 29, "Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard", of Title 15 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations. The rules in Attachment A of this Order shall become effective upon publication of the Notice of Final Rulemaking in the D.C. Register.

8. [RM41-2017-01, District of Columbia Standard Offer Service Rules.](#) This Order adopts final rules amending Chapter 41, “Standard Offer Service Rules” of Title 15 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations. The rules in Attachment A of this Order shall become effective nine (9) months from the publication of the Notice of Final Rulemaking in the D.C. Register.

Announcements:

A recording of this open meeting will be available on the Commission’s website within three business days from the date of this meeting.

The next regular Open meeting will be held on January 9, 2019, at 2:00 p.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.*

