

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005

PUBLIC NOTICE

October 11, 2013

**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 October 1, 2013, the District of Columbia Universal Service Trust Fund Administrator (“DC USTF Administrator”), Rolka Loube Saltzer Associates (“RLSA”), submitted a proposed annual report, proposed 2014 calendar year budget, and assessment rate (“Proposed 2014 USTF Budget”).¹

2. The Proposed 2014 DC USTF Budget recommends a budget not to exceed \$965,800, plus a two month operating reserve of \$200,000, for a total of \$1,165,800. The Proposed 2014 DC USTF Budget also proposes a .00373 or 0.373% assessment rate, reflecting the estimated year end 2013 fund cash balance and accrued distributions.² The DC USTF Administrator notes that the proposed 2014 budget is slightly lower than the 2013 DC USTF budget, which is \$1,170,304. The individual line items in the budget include a projected stabilization of the Lifeline distributions at \$600,000. Additionally, the Proposed 2014 DC USTF Budget contains no changes to the following line items: Telecommunications Reply Service (“TRS”) (\$114,000), Captioned Telephone (“CapTel”) (\$57,600); the independent audit (\$23,000), and DC USTF Administrator administrative fees (\$79,200).³ The DC USTF Administrator represents that the distribution to the District Department of the Environment’s Energy Administration (“DDOE”) would no longer include the fax line and related expenses or the eligibility verification services, as the eligibility verification services are to be performed by Solix, Inc. but would include the \$25,000 for the Consumer Education Program (“CEP”).⁴ The eligibility verification services line item is for \$65,000 and the TRS Advisory Board expenses are listed at \$2,000.⁵ The Proposed 2014 DC USTF contains a reduction in the fund balance to reach the budgetary reserve of \$200,000.⁶ This spending level combined with the reported and

¹ *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*, Annual Report and Recommendation for DC USTF 2014 Budget (“Proposed 2014 DC USTF Budget”), filed October 1, 2013. This filing also contained a request for permission to file the Proposed 2014 DC ISTF Budget one day late.

² Proposed 2014 DC USTF Budget at 1.

³ Proposed 2014 DC USTF Budget at 2

⁴ Proposed 2014 DC USTF Budget at 2, n. 2.

⁵ Proposed 2014 DC USTF Budget at 6.

estimated retail revenues of the local exchange carriers and Voice over Internet Protocol (“VoIP”) service providers that are required to contribute to the DC USTF produces an assessment rate of 0.003734 or 0.373%, which is 0.0054 below the assessment rate for the 2013 budget.⁷

3. All persons interested in commenting on the Proposed 2014 DC USTF Budget 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 the Proposed 2014 DC USTF Budget may be obtained by visiting the Commission’s website at www.dcpsc.org or at cost, by contacting the Commission Secretary at (202) 626-5150 or bwestbrook@psc.dc.gov.

⁶ Proposed 2014 DC USTF Budget at 2.

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