

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

October 13, 2015

**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 2, 2015, the District of Columbia Universal Service Trust Fund Administrator (“DC USTF Administrator”), Solix, Inc. (“Solix”), submitted a proposed 2016 calendar year budget, including a proposed assessment rate of 0.000954 or 0.0954% (“Proposed 2016 USTF Budget”).¹

2. The Proposed 2016 DC USTF Budget recommends a budget not to exceed \$591,875, an increase from the 2015 DC USTF budget of \$526,700. The Proposed 2016 DC USTF Budget includes a decrease in the Lifeline distribution line item (\$140,000). The Proposed 2016 DC USTF budget also includes an increase for the Telecommunications Reply Service (“TRS”) line item (\$102,000) based on the current contract with Hamilton Relay; a decrease for the Captioned Telephone line item (\$44,000) based on the contract with Hamilton Relay; no change for the independent audit (\$23,000) line item; no change to the Lifeline Eligibility Verification line item (\$63,500); no change to the DC USTF Administrator administrative fees (\$73,000); 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 added for printing costs assessed by the District Department of Energy and Environment to promote Lifeline service. The Proposed 2016 DC USTF contains a reduction in the fund balance by \$400,000 to offset the 2016 budgetary expenses. This proposed budget combined with the reported and estimated retail revenues of \$201,033,609 yields a proposed assessment rate of 0.000954 or 0.0954%, which is below the assessment rate of 0.115% for the 2015 budget.²

3. All persons interested in commenting on the Proposed 2016 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 2016 DC USTF Budget 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

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*, Recommendation of the DC USTF 2016 Budget (“Proposed 2016 DC USTF Budget”), filed October 2, 2015.

² Proposed 2016 DC USTF Budget, Attachment A.

input "FC 988" as the case number and "1096" 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.