

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**October 5, 2018**

**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, 2018, the District of Columbia Universal Service Trust Fund Administrator (“DC USTF Administrator”), Solix, Inc. (“Solix”), submitted a proposed 2019 calendar year budget, including a proposed assessment rate of 0.000656 or 0.0656% (“Proposed 2019 USTF Budget”).<sup>1</sup>

2. The Proposed 2019 DC USTF Budget recommends a budget not to exceed \$508,345, a decrease from the 2018 DC USTF budget of \$518,375. The Proposed 2019 DC USTF Budget includes a decrease in the Lifeline distribution line item (\$80,000). The Proposed 2019 DC USTF budget also includes no change for the Telecommunications Relay Service (“TRS”) line item (\$80,000) based on the current contract with Hamilton Relay; no change for the Captioned Telephone line item (\$30,000) based on the contract with Hamilton Relay; no change for the independent audit (\$25,000) line item; an increase in the Lifeline Eligibility Verification line item (\$67,780); an increase to the DC USTF Administrator administrative fees (\$80,000); no change to the TRS Advisory Board fees (\$2,000); and an increase to the Consumer Education Program (“CEP”) line item (\$40,896), which includes both the CEP and funding for the Department of Energy and Environment (“DOEE”) outreach staff. There is a \$1,000 line item for printing costs assessed by DOEE to promote Lifeline service, labeled as the DOE Printer. The Proposed 2019 DC USTF contains a reduction in the fund balance by \$400,000 to offset the 2019 budgetary expenses. This proposed budget combined with the reported and estimated retail revenues of \$165,132,239 yields a proposed assessment rate of 0.000656 or 0.0656%, which is slightly below the assessment rate of 0.0679% for the 2018 budget.<sup>2</sup>

3. All persons interested in commenting on the Proposed 2019 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 or at the Commission’s website at [https://edocket.dcpSC.org/public/public\\_comments](https://edocket.dcpSC.org/public/public_comments). Copies of the Proposed 2019 DC USTF

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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 2019 Budget (“Proposed 2019 DC USTF Budget”), filed October 1, 2018.

<sup>2</sup> Proposed 2019 DC USTF Budget.

Budget may be obtained by visiting the Commission's website at [www.dcpsec.org](http://www.dcpsec.org). Once at the website, open the "eDocket" tab, click on "Search database" and input "FC 988" as the case number and "1216" 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).