## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 1333 H STREET, N.W., SECOND FLOOR, WEST TOWER WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**December 8, 2014** 

## 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 21, 2014, the District Department of the Environment's Energy Administration ("DDOE") filed its invoices for DDOE's Utility Discount Program ("UDP") administrative expenses and costs for the Consumer Education Program ("CEP") for the Fourth Quarter of Fiscal Year 2014 ("Fourth Quarter FY 2014").<sup>1</sup>

2. In Fiscal Year 2014 ("FY 2014"), DDOE is the administrator for three (3) of the four (4) low-income UDPs<sup>2</sup> as well as the CEP.<sup>3</sup> 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 DDOE 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.<sup>4</sup>

3. In its Fourth Quarter FY 2014 Invoices, DDOE includes the invoices for the Fourth Quarter FY 2014 and several tables that provide details on the expenses incurred by DDOE in Fourth Quarter FY 2014. The first table is the Fourth Quarter Expense Report, which breaks down expenditures by quarter.<sup>5</sup> The second table is the Fourth Quarter Personal Services Expense Detail.<sup>6</sup> The third table includes the approved FY 2014 budget.<sup>7</sup> The next table is the

<sup>6</sup> DDOE Fourth Quarter FY 2014 Invoices, Attachment at 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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 DDOE, ("Fourth Quarter FY 2014 Invoices"), filed November 21, 2014.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The four UDPs 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Commission notes that as of October 1, 2013, DDOE is no longer performing administrative functions for the Lifeline service program, but remains the administrator of the RES, RAD, and CAP programs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> *Formal Case Nos. 813 and 988*, Order No. 17246, rel. September 19, 2013.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> DDOE Fourth Quarter FY 2014 Invoices, Attachment at 1. The Commission notes that the tables are not paginated, so the page numbers are the Commission's additions.

UDP administrative budget summary, which provides detail regarding the expenses incurred each quarter for the UDP administrative budget.<sup>8</sup> DDOE's next table breaks down the expenses for the CEP, itemizing the amounts spent on the various outreach programs.<sup>9</sup> The sixth table provides details regarding the year-to-date administrative expenses.<sup>10</sup> DDOE then provides an income statement including all expenses for all four (4) quarters of FY 2014, breaking them down by quarter and by line item.<sup>11</sup> The next four (4) pages are the separate invoices for the Fourth Quarter FY 2014 for DC USTF, Pepco, WGL, and DC Water, itemizing the expenses by quarter and line item.<sup>12</sup>

4. All persons interested in commenting on the DDOE Fourth Quarter FY 2014 Invoices 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 DDOE's Third Quarter FY 2014 Invoices may be obtained by visiting the Commission's website at <u>www.dcpsc.org.</u> Once at the website, open the "eDocket" tab, click on "Search database" and input "FC 1125" as the case number and "8" as the item number. Copies of DDOE's Fourth Quarter FY 2014 Invoices may also be purchased, at cost, by contacting the Commission Secretary at (202) 626-5150 or PSC-CommissionSecretary@dc.gov.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> DDOE Fourth Quarter FY 2014 Invoices, Attachment at 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> DDOE Fourth Quarter FY 2014 Invoices, Attachment at 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> DDOE Fourth Quarter FY 2014 Invoices, Attachment at 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> DDOE Fourth Quarter FY 2014 Invoices, Attachment at 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> DDOE Fourth Quarter FY 2014 Invoices, Attachment at 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> DDOE Fourth Quarter FY 2014 Invoices, Attachment at 8-11.