Immediate Release

(Washington, D.C.) The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (Commission) approved ten actions items before the Commission at its November 7, 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 approves the Potomac Electric Power Company’s Consumer Pamphlet.

2. **Formal Case No. 950, In the Matter of the Investigation into the Payment Center Operations of Verizon Washington, DC Inc.** This Order seeks input from Verizon Washington, DC Inc. (“Verizon DC”), the Office of the People’s Counsel of the District of Columbia and other interested persons regarding whether the Commission should continue to require Verizon DC to have an Authorized Payment Location (“APL”) in each Ward. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, Verizon DC shall file a report providing the number of customers that used each APL each month for the period from October 2017 through September 2018. Within 15 days of that filing, any interested person may file comments regarding whether any of the APL requirements established in Order Nos. 10811 and 11818 should be retained, modified, or eliminated. Reply comments are due within 30 days of Verizon DC’s filing.

3. **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 approves the 2019 calendar year District of Columbia Universal Service Trust Fund budget of $508,345 and assessment rate of 0.000656 or 0.0656%.

4. **Formal Case No. 1129, In the Matter of the Public Service Commission’s Investigation into Default Gas Service Provided by Washington Gas Light Company Through the Purchase Gas Charge in the District of Columbia.** This Order reviews the findings in Silver Point Consulting’s Management Audit Report of the Natural Gas Purchasing Processes and Policies of Washington Gas Light Company (“WGL” or “the Company”) for Task 1 of the audit of the Purchase Gas Charge and the findings in the SB & Company, LLC and Benjamin Schlesinger and Associates’ Agreed-Upon Procedures Audit Report for Task 2 of the audit. Pursuant to its review of the Audit findings and the recommendations, the Commission directs WGL to comply with and file an implementation plan addressing how the Company intends to comply with the directives within 60 days from the date of this Order.

5. **Formal Case No. 1144, In the Matter of the Potomac Electric Power Company’s Notice to Construct Two 230 kV Underground Circuits from the Takoma Substation to the Rebuilt Harvard Substation and from the Rebuilt Harvard Substation to the Rebuilt Champlain Substation.** This Order grants the District of Columbia Government’s Motion for Leave to Respond to the Potomac Electric Power Company’s (“Pepco”) Limited Reply Comments and for Leave to File Supplemental Comments. To allow all interested persons full consideration of the newly submitted data and calculations on the Quanta Technology’s submitted by Pepco, the Commission will allow supplemental initial comments on Pepco’s Capital Grid Application until December 10, 2018, and extend the deadline for all reply comments to December 28, 2018.
6. **Formal Case No. 1149, In the Matter of the Investigation into the Structure and Application of an Experimental Rate Class for Both Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents in the District of Columbia.** This Order accepts the recommendations contained in the Final Technical Conference Report, filed on April 9, 2018, and establishes a new experimental electricity rate class credit for both senior citizens and disabled residents within the District of Columbia.

7. **Formal Case No. 1153, In the Matter of the Potomac Electric Company’s Petition for an Investigation into the Status of Walter Reed’s Distribution System.** This Order grants the Office of People’s Counsel’s Motion Requesting Clarification of Order No. 19721; denies the Walter Reed Owners’ Association, Inc. and TPWR Developer’s, LLC Notice of Objections; directs that all parties can serve data requests and follow-up data requests as they deem necessary, but all follow-up requests shall be served no later than December 21, 2018; and directs all parties to consult with each other and attempt in good faith to resolve all disputes prior to making an objection and again prior to filing a motion seeking relief. Any objections to the Potomac Electric Power Company’s pending Data Requests shall be filed within five (5) business days from the date of this Order. Finally, the Commission grants the District of Columbia Government’s Petition to Intervene.

8. **RM46-2015-01, In the Matter of the Investigation into the Public Service Commission’s Rules Governing the Licensure and Bonding of Electric Suppliers in the District of Columbia and RM47-2017-01, In the Matter of the Investigation into the Public Service Commission’s Rules Governing the Licensure and Bonding of Natural Gas Suppliers and Natural Gas Consumer Protection Standards in the District of Columbia.** This Order extends the implementation date and compliance requirements of the Electricity and Natural Gas Supplier Education Workshops, for Current and New Licensees until April 1, 2019.


10. **TA06-2, In the Matter of the Application of Gateway Communications Services, Inc. to Provide Telecommunications Service in the District of Columbia.** This Order gives notice that it will revoke the certification to provide resold local exchange telecommunications services issued to Gateway Communications Services, Inc. upon the 30th day from the date of this Order unless Gateway can provide good cause to show why its certification should not be revoked.

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 December 5, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. The proposed agenda for the next Commission meeting will be posted at least 48 hours before the announced meeting.

There being nothing further, the Commission now stands adjourned.

*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.*