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DCPSC Takes Next Steps in Grid Modernization Efforts

Commission issues Request for Proposal for Consultant to Facilitate a Stakeholder Working Group Process

(Washington, D.C.) The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (Commission) has taken next steps in [Formal Case No. 1130](#), the Modernization of the Energy Delivery System for Increased Sustainability (MEDSIS) Initiative, and has issued a [Request for Proposals \(RFP\) to hire a Consultant](#). In accordance with [Order No. 19275](#), the Consultant will, among other tasks, engage stakeholders to establish working groups, determine the need for a system assessment, and develop recommendations that will aid the Commission in moving the MEDSIS Initiative forward.

The Commission recognizes that there are several pending infrastructure proposals and on-going proceedings before the Commission that intersect with the MEDSIS Initiative. The Commission also recognizes that large capital investment projects should not be considered in a vacuum, apart from these other proceedings, or fail to take into consideration the expressed vision and principles for the MEDSIS Initiative. The Commission's approved Vision Statement for MEDSIS is: *The District of Columbia's modern energy delivery system must be sustainable, well-planned, encourage distributed energy resources and preserve the financial health of the energy distribution utilities in a manner that results in an energy delivery system that is safe and reliable, secure, affordable, interactive and non-discriminatory.*

The Commission has received many comments from the public since the MEDSIS Initiative was first established in June 12, 2015. As requested by the District Department of Energy and Environment and other stakeholders, one of the Consultant's first tasks is to establish a working group to consider viable non-wires alternatives to capital investments. The Consultant will also establish and engage stakeholders in a MEDSIS Pilot Project working group, which will finalize the criteria to be used to implement the MEDSIS Pilot Projects to be funded by the \$21.5 million MEDSIS Pilot Project Fund established as a condition of approving the Pepco-Exelon Merger.

"With issuance of the MEDSIS Request for Proposal, the Commission looks forward to broad expert and community involvement as we move forward," stated Betty Ann Kane, Chairman of the Commission.

The deadline for the submission of responsive proposals is April 2, 2018. The Commission intends to award the contract no later than May 9, 2018. A copy of the RFP is available on the Commission's website at: https://www.dcpssc.org/PSCDC/media/PDFFiles/Electric/PSC-18-08_1.pdf.

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.

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