

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

PUBLIC NOTICE

FORMAL CASE NO. 1130, IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO MODERNIZING THE ENERGY DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR INCREASED SUSTAINABILITY

The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (“Commission”) hereby gives notice that the Commission will hold a Town Hall on Modernizing the Energy Delivery System for Increased Sustainability (“MEDSIS”).¹ The MEDSIS Town Hall will focus on garnering comments on Section VII (“Proposed MEDSIS Grant Funding Parameters & Proposed Demonstration Projects”) of the MEDSIS Staff Report which was released by the Commission on January 25, 2017, and which is publically available on the Commission’s website at www.dcpsc.org/medsis.

The MEDSIS Town Hall will convene on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 1325 G Street, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20005. The MEDSIS Town Hall is open to the public and the Commission encourages participation from interested Community Organizations as well as individual District ratepayers.

BACKGROUND

On June 12, 2015, the Commission issued Order No. 17912 which opened *Formal Case No. 1130* to identify technologies and policies that can be implemented in the District to modernize the distribution energy delivery system for increased sustainability; and, in the near-term, to make the distribution energy delivery system more reliable, efficient, cost effective, and interactive.² The Order also established a series of three workshops which were held between October 2015 and March 2016.

At the conclusion of the workshops, the Commission announced the development of a MEDSIS Staff Report which would incorporate information presented at the workshops and comments filed in the *Formal Case No. 1130* docket, provide guidance as to how the MEDSIS Initiative would proceed, as well as present Staff’s recommendations for achieving MEDSIS goals. Staff completed the MEDSIS Staff Report and submitted it to the Commission for consideration in January 2017. On January 25, 2017, the Commission released the MEDSIS Staff Report for public comment with extended comment and reply comment periods; initial comments on the

¹ See generally, *Formal Case No. 1130, In the Matter of the Investigation into Modernizing the Energy Delivery System for Increased Sustainability* (“*Formal Case No. 1130*”).

² *Formal Case No. 1130*, Order No. 17912, rel. June 12, 2015.

entirety of the MEDSIS Staff Report are due by March 27, 2017, and reply comments are due 30 days thereafter.³

On January 25, 2017, the Commission also announced that a MEDSIS Town Hall would be held in the Commission's Hearing Room on February 28, 2017, to garner public comment on Section VII of the MEDSIS Staff Report which specifically addresses Staff's proposals on how to select District-specific pilot and demonstration projects and allocate funds from the \$21.55 million MEDSIS Pilot Project Fund Subaccount, that was created as a condition of the PHI-Exelon Merger approved by the Commission in Order No. 18148.⁴

THE MEDSIS TOWN HALL

The purpose of the MEDSIS Town Hall is to garner broad public input on Section VII of the MEDSIS Staff Report ("Proposed MEDSIS Grant Funding Parameters & Proposed Demonstration Projects") which was released for public comment on January 25, 2017.

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The Commission will allot ten (10) minutes to representatives from Community Organizations to give oral comments and five (5) minutes for individual District ratepayers to provide oral comments. In order to ensure that the MEDSIS Town Hall proceeds in an orderly and productive manner, those wishing to provide oral comments should submit their name and corresponding organization, if applicable, via email with "MEDSIS Town Hall" in the subject line, to the Office of the Commission Secretary (psc-commissionsecretary@dc.gov) by 12 noon Monday, February 27, 2017. While walk-ins are welcome, priority to present oral comments will be given to those who have signed-up with the Commission Secretary's Office ahead of time.

Translation and interpretation services are available to the public and should be requested by Wednesday, February 22, 2017, by contacting the Commission Secretary's Office via email at psc-commissionsecretary@dc.gov.

The MEDSIS Town Hall will be streamed live on the Commission's website, www.dcpsec.org, and video archived at www.dcpsec.org/medsis.

³ See *Formal Case No. 1130*, Order No. 18673, rel. January 25, 2017.

⁴ *Formal Case No. 1119*, Order No. 18148, rel. March 23, 2016.

⁵ The MEDSIS Town Hall may conclude before 8:30 p.m. if all attendants wishing to provide oral comments have been given the opportunity to do so and all presentations have been made.

General inquires related to the MEDSIS Town Hall should be directed to Kellie Armstead Didigu, Media Relations Specialist, (202) 626-5124.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The MEDSIS Staff Report is publically accessible online through the MEDSIS webpage at www.dcpssc.org/medsis. Copies of the MEDSIS Staff Report may also be obtained by contacting the Office of the Commission Secretary at (202) 626- 5150 or psc-commissionsecretary@dc.gov.

Any person desiring to submit written comments on the MEDSIS Staff Report, in whole or in part, shall file comments no later March 27, 2017, as directed in Order No. 18673. Written comments can be mailed 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, sent via email to psc-commissionsecretary@dc.gov, or filed electronically through the Commission's website at www.dcpssc.org.