

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

NOTICE OF RATE DESIGN WORKING GROUP MEETING

March 27, 2020

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

Pursuant to Order No. 20286, the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (“Commission”) is reconvening the original Rate Design Working Group (“RDWG”) in *Formal Case No. 1130* to propose best practice rate design solutions, including a new residential Dynamic Pricing program(s).¹ The Commission hereby gives notice that the RDWG’s first meeting will be on May 12, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Commission’s Hearing Room at 1325 G St., N.W., Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20005, barring any further delays caused by concerns for the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the Order, the Commission tasked the RDWG to be responsible for a holistic evaluation and assessment of current rate designs in the District and other jurisdictions in order to propose best practice rate design solutions including a new residential Dynamic Pricing program.² The Commission stated best practice rate design solution should balance the goals of:

- Assuring recovery of prudently incurred utility costs;
- Maintaining grid reliability;
- Assuring fairness to all customer classes and sub-classes;
- Assisting the transition of the industry to a clean energy future;
- Setting economically efficient prices that are forward-looking and lead to the optimum allocation of utility and customer resources;
- Maximizing the value and effectiveness of new technologies as they become available and are deployed on, or alongside, the electric system; and
- Preventing anti-competitive or anti-innovation market structures or behavior.³

The RDWG should file any recommendations within 12 months of the date of its first meeting. The RDWG may propose new residential rate designs for Standard Offer Service customers

¹ *Formal Case No. 1130, In the Matter of the Investigation into Modernizing the Energy Delivery System for Increased Sustainability (“Formal Case No. 1130”)*, Order No. 20286, ¶¶ 53, 87, and 88, rel. January 24, 2020 (“Order No. 20286”).

² *Formal Case No. 1130*, Order No. 20286, ¶ 53.

³ *Formal Case No. 1130*, Order No. 20286, ¶ 51.

addressing the generation, transmission, and distribution portions of a customer’s bill or, for customers who have selected a third-party supplier, the distribution portion of their bill. Further, the Commission directed the Potomac Electric Power Company (“Pepco”) to submit a strawman residential dynamic pricing proposal for consideration by the RDWG by April 23, 2020.⁴ The RDWG may consider the implications of other residential programs such as net metering, electric vehicle charging at a residence, and demand response through Pepco’s Direct Load Control program. The Commission notes that any new rate design efforts supported by the RDWG should take into consideration and balance the goals identified by the Commission. We note that Pepco, on March 9, 2020, filed a Pilot Time of Use rate proposal.⁵ This proposal may be discussed at the first Working Group Meeting.

Former members of the RDWG interested in continuing their membership, and any other persons interested in becoming members of the RDWG, should notify the Commission within 10 days from the date of this Notice of their intent to do so by sending an email, which shall include the participant’s name, contact information, and organization, if applicable, to psc-commissionsecretary@dc.gov – subject “FC 1130 Rate Design Working Group Membership.”

⁴ *Formal Case No. 1130*, Order No. 20286, ¶ 87.

⁵ *Formal Case No. 1130*, Pepco’s Residential Time-of-Use Pilot Proposal, filed March 9, 2020.