

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**August 11, 2021**

**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 August 4, 2021, the Department of Energy and Environment (“DOEE”) filed its invoices for DOEE’s Utility Discount Program (“UDP”) administrative expenses and costs for the Consumer Education Program (“CEP”) for the Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2021 (“FY 2021 Third Quarter”).<sup>1</sup> On August 6, 2021, DOEE filed its Errata to the FY 2021 Third Quarter Invoices correcting three errors in the narrative section.<sup>2</sup>

2. In Fiscal Year 2021 (“FY 2021”), DOEE is the administrator for three (3) of the four (4) low-income UDPs<sup>3</sup> as well as the CEP.<sup>4</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 the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (“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 process for DOEE 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>5</sup>

3. In its FY 2021 Third Quarter Invoices and Errata, DOEE includes information on Third Quarter advertising. DOEE represents that UDP advertisements run on television, radio,

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<sup>1</sup> *Formal Case No. 1125, In the Matter of the Promotion of the Utility Discount Programs*, Department of Energy and Environment’s Third Quarter Invoices for FY 2021 (“DOEE FY 2021 Third Quarter Invoices”), filed August 4, 2021.

<sup>2</sup> *Formal Case No. 1125, Errata*, filed August 6, 2021.

<sup>3</sup> The four UDPs in the District of Columbia are: 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>4</sup> The Commission notes that as of October 1, 2013, DOEE is no longer performing administrative functions for the Lifeline service program, but remains the administrator of the RES, RAD, and CAP programs.

<sup>5</sup> *Formal Case No. 813, In the Matter of the Application of Potomac Electric Power Company for an Increase in its Retail Rates for the Sale of Electrical Energy and 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*, Order No. 17246, rel. September 19, 2013.

print, WMATA, and social media. DOEE provides the numbers and types of advertisements for each type of vendor. DOEE also provides reports for three online media vendors: DCist, Social Driver, and NCM.<sup>6</sup> Further, DOEE lists UDP outreach activities undertaken by DOEE in the FY 2021 Third Quarter.<sup>7</sup>

4. DOEE’s third quarter expenditures total \$160,494.15: \$134,827.15 for personnel expenditures (including \$16,912.56 for outreach management), and \$25,667 for CEP advertising.<sup>8</sup> DOEE seeks reimbursement in the amount of \$12,208.39 from the DC Universal Service Trust Fund Administrator, \$49,948.25 from Pepco, \$49,947.97 from Washington Gas, and \$49,952.96 from DC Water.<sup>9</sup>

5. DOEE also includes the invoices for the FY 2021 Third Quarter and several tables that provide details on the expenses incurred by DOEE in FY 2021 Third Quarter. The first table is the UDP administrative budget summary, which breaks down UDP expenditures by line item.<sup>10</sup> DOEE’s next table breaks down the expenses for the CEP, itemizing the amounts spent on the various outreach programs.<sup>11</sup> The third table provides details regarding the expenses incurred for the UDP administrative budget.<sup>12</sup> The next four (4) pages are the separate invoices for the FY 2021 Third Quarter for the DC USTF, Pepco, WGL, and DC Water, itemizing the expenses.<sup>13</sup>

6. All persons interested in commenting on DOEE’s FY 2021 Third Quarter Invoices and Errata may submit written comments and reply comments not later than 10 and 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, 1325 G Street, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20005 and submitted electronically on the Commission’s website at [https://edocket.dcpssc.org/public/public\\_comments](https://edocket.dcpssc.org/public/public_comments). Copies of DOEE’s FY 2021 Third Quarter Invoices and Errata may be obtained by visiting the Commission’s website at [www.dcpssc.org](http://www.dcpssc.org). Once at the website, open the “eDocket” tab, click on “search database” and input “FC 1125” as the case number and “436” and “438” as the item numbers. Copies of DOEE’s FY 2021 Third Quarter Invoices and Errata may also be purchased,

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<sup>6</sup> DOEE FY 2021 Third Quarter Invoices, Attachments A-C.

<sup>7</sup> DOEE FY 2021 Third Quarter Invoices at 2-3.

<sup>8</sup> DOEE FY 2021 Third Quarter Invoices at 3.

<sup>9</sup> DOEE FY 2021 Third Quarter Invoices at 4; . Attachment D at 1, 6-7. The Commission notes that the attachment with the tables is not labeled and the tables are not paginated, so the Attachment name and page numbers are the Commission’s additions.

<sup>10</sup> DOEE FY 2021 Third Quarter Invoices, Attachment at 1

<sup>11</sup> DOEE FY 2021 Third Quarter Invoices, Attachment at 2.

<sup>12</sup> DOEE FY 2021 Third Quarter Invoices, Attachment at 3.

<sup>13</sup> DOEE FY 2021 Third Quarter Invoices, Attachment at 4-7.

at cost, by contacting the Commission Secretary at (202) 626-5150 or [psc-commissionsecretary@dc.gov](mailto:psc-commissionsecretary@dc.gov).

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**BRINDA WESTBROOK-SEDGWICK  
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