

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**February 7, 2022**

**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 February 2, 2022, 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 First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2022 (“FY 2022 First Quarter”).<sup>1</sup>

2. In Fiscal Year 2022 (“FY 2022”), DOEE is the administrator for three (3) of the four (4) low-income UDPs<sup>2</sup> as well as the CEP.<sup>3</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>4</sup>

3. In its FY 2022 First Quarter Invoices and Errata, DOEE includes information on First Quarter advertising. DOEE represents that by December 31, 2021, it executed contracts with most of the CEP vendors: Urban One, the Washington Informer, El Tiempo, DCist, Social Driver, and Comcast’s EffecTV, totaling \$85,000 of the CEP budget. DOEE is still working on finalizing contracts with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and El Zol but anticipates that

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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 First d Quarter Invoices for FY 2022 (“DOEE FY 2022 First Quarter Invoices”), filed February 2, 2022.

<sup>2</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>3</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>4</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.

these contracts will be finalized in the FY 2022 Second Quarter.<sup>5</sup> Further, DOEE lists UDP outreach activities undertaken by DOEE in the FY 2022 First Quarter.<sup>6</sup>

4. DOEE's first quarter expenditures total \$138,198.47: \$135,448.47 for personnel expenditures and \$2,750 for CEP advertising.<sup>7</sup> Since DOEE is still in the process of converting its accounting systems to reflect the change in the cost allocation split mandated by Order No. 21012,<sup>8</sup> DOEE charges Pepco, WGL, and DC Water equally for the FY 2022 First Quarter UDP administrative expenses, subject to a true-up later in the fiscal year. DOEE seeks reimbursement in the amount of \$5,006.58 from the DC Universal Service Trust Fund Administrator, \$44,437.84 from Pepco, \$44,349.03 from Washington Gas, and \$44,405.02 from DC Water.<sup>9</sup>

5. DOEE also includes the invoices for the FY 2022 First Quarter and several tables that provide details on the expenses incurred by DOEE in FY 2022 First 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 2022 First 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 2022 First Quarter Invoices 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.dcpsc.org/public/public\\_comments](https://edocket.dcpsc.org/public/public_comments). Copies of DOEE's FY 2022 First Quarter Invoices may be obtained by visiting the Commission's website at [www.dcpsc.org](http://www.dcpsc.org). Once at the website, open the "eDocket" tab, click on "search database" and input "FC 1125" as the case number and "466" as the item number. Copies of DOEE's FY 2022

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<sup>5</sup> DOEE FY 2022 First Quarter Invoices at 1.

<sup>6</sup> DOEE FY 2022 First Quarter Invoices at 1-2.

<sup>7</sup> DOEE FY 2022 First Quarter Invoices at 3.

<sup>8</sup> *Formal Case No. 1125*, Order No. 21012, rel. September 9, 2021. *See also, Formal Case No. 1125*, Order No. 21057, rel. November 10, 2021 (denying Pepco's application for reconsideration of Order No. 21012).

<sup>9</sup> DOEE FY 2022 First 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 2022 First Quarter Invoices, Attachment at 1.

<sup>11</sup> DOEE FY 2022 First Quarter Invoices, Attachment at 2.

<sup>12</sup> DOEE FY 2022 First Quarter Invoices, Attachment at 3.

<sup>13</sup> DOEE FY 2022 First Quarter Invoices, Attachment at 4-7.

First Quarter Invoices may also be purchased, 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  
COMMISSION SECRETARY**