

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

August 4, 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 August 1, 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 Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2022 (“FY 2022 Third Quarter”).¹

2. In Fiscal Year 2022 (“FY 2022”), DOEE is the administrator for three (3) of the four (4) low-income UDPs² as well as the CEP.³ 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.⁴

3. In its FY 2022 Third Quarter Invoices, DOEE includes information on Third Quarter advertising. DOEE indicates that it was not able to finalize a contract with El Zol because El Zol’s new owners were unable to complete the necessary administrative procedures to become an accepted vendor. Having sought guidance from the Utility Discount Program Education Work Group, DOEE states that it reallocated the \$3000 set aside for El Zol to El Tiempo Latino (“El

¹ *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 2022 (“DOEE FY 2022 Third Quarter Invoices”), filed August 1, 2022.

² 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.

³ 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.

⁴ *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.

Tiempo”) to continue to support the Spanish-speaking community.⁵ DOEE includes the UDP ads from El Tiempo’s print issue in its filing.⁶

4. DOEE represents that its UDP administrative expenses in the FY 2022 Third Quarter totaled \$165,853.58: \$139,814.83 for personnel; \$3,326.89 for IT support; and \$22,711.86 for the CEP.⁷ Since DOEE finalized the process of converting its accounting systems to reflect the change in the cost allocation split mandated by Order No. 21012,⁸ DOEE seeks reimbursement of \$9,994.93 from the DC USTF Administrator, and \$131,710.66 from Pepco. DOEE also requests \$64,314.42 from WGL for FY 2022 Second and Third Quarters. DC Water for FY 2022 Third Quarter has a credit of \$2,922.58, so no additional payment is requested at this time.⁹

5. DOEE also includes the invoices for the FY 2022 Third Quarter and several tables that provide details on the expenses incurred by DOEE in FY 2022 Third Quarter. The first table is the UDP administrative budget summary, which breaks down UDP expenditures by line item.¹⁰ DOEE’s next table breaks down the expenses for the CEP, itemizing the amounts spent on the various outreach programs.¹¹ The third table provides details regarding the expenses incurred for the UDP administrative budget.¹² The next four (4) pages are the separate invoices for the FY 2022 Third Quarter for the DC USTF, Pepco, WGL, and DC Water, itemizing the expenses.¹³

6. All persons interested in commenting on DOEE’s FY 2022 Third 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. Copies of DOEE’s FY 2022 Third Quarter Invoices may be obtained by visiting the Commission’s website at www.dcpsc.org. Once at the website, open the “eDocket” tab, click on “search database” and input “FC 1125” as the case number and “499” as the item number. Copies of DOEE’s FY 2022 Third Quarter Invoices may also be purchased, at cost, by contacting the Commission Secretary at (202) 626-5150 or psc-commissionsecretary@dc.gov.

⁵ DOEE FY 2022 Third Quarter Invoices at 1.

⁶ DOEE FY 2022 Third Quarter Invoices, Attachment A.

⁷ DOEE FY 2022 Third Quarter Invoices at 3.

⁸ *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).

⁹ DOEE FY 2022 Third Quarter Invoices at 3.

¹⁰ DOEE FY 2022 Third Quarter Invoices, Attachment B at 1.

¹¹ DOEE FY 2022 Third Quarter Invoices, Attachment B at 2.

¹² DOEE FY 2022 Third Quarter Invoices, Attachment B at 3.

¹³ DOEE FY 2022 Third Quarter Invoices, Attachment B at 4-7.

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BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:

CHIEF CLERK:

**BRINDA WESTBROOK-SEDGWICK
COMMISSION SECRETARY**