

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

December 5, 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 November 30, 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 Fourth Quarter of Fiscal Year 2022 (“FY 2022 Fourth Quarter”).¹

2. In Fiscal Year 2022 (“FY 2022”), DOEE is the administrator for three (3) of the four (4) low-income UDPs,² 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 Fourth Quarter Invoices, DOEE includes information on Fourth Quarter advertising. DOEE indicates that reallocated the \$3000 set aside for El Zol to El Tiempo Latino (“El Tiempo”) to continue to support the Spanish-speaking community.⁵ DOEE includes

¹ *Formal Case No. 1125, In the Matter of the Promotion of the Utility Discount Programs*, Department of Energy and Environment’s Fourth Quarter Invoices for FY 2022 (“DOEE FY 2022 Fourth Quarter Invoices”), filed November 30, 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.

⁵ DOEE FY 2022 Fourth Quarter Invoices at 1.

the UDP ads from El Tiempo's print issue in its filing.⁶ DOEE represents that it spent \$99,933.23 of the \$100,000 budgeted for the CEP by the end of FY 2022.⁷ Additionally, DOEE includes a chart of its outreach activities for the FY 2022 Fourth Quarter.⁸

4. DOEE represents that its UDP administrative expenses in the FY 2022 Fourth Quarter totaled \$225,695.83: \$132,657.28 for personnel; \$1,296.92 for IT support; \$24,770.00 for the annual mailing included in the contractual services and printing line items; and \$1,100 for the business reply mail permit in the postage line item.⁹ DOEE asserts that the UDP share of the database maintenance expenses actually exceeded the budgeted amount of \$51,000, but DOEE only includes the budgeted amount in its invoices. DOEE seeks reimbursement of \$9,748.11 from the DC USTF Administrator, \$179,402.62 from Pepco,¹⁰ \$79,050.15 from WGL, and \$85,183.01 from DC Water.¹¹

5. DOEE also includes the invoices for the FY 2022 Fourth Quarter and several tables that provide details on the expenses incurred by DOEE in FY 2022 Fourth Quarter. The first table is the UDP administrative budget summary, which breaks down UDP expenditures by line item.¹² DOEE's next table breaks down the expenses for the CEP, itemizing the amounts spent on the various outreach programs.¹³ The third table provides details regarding the expenses incurred for the UDP administrative budget.¹⁴ The next four (4) pages are the separate invoices for the FY 2022 Fourth Quarter for the DC USTF, Pepco, WGL, and DC Water, itemizing the expenses.¹⁵

6. All persons interested in commenting on DOEE's FY 2022 Fourth 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.depsc.org/public/public_comments. Copies of DOEE's FY 2022 Fourth Quarter Invoices may be obtained by visiting the Commission's website

⁶ DOEE FY 2022 Fourth Quarter Invoices, Attachment A.

⁷ DOEE FY 2022 Fourth Quarter Invoices at 1.

⁸ DOEE FY 2022 Fourth Quarter Invoices at 1-2.

⁹ DOEE FY 2022 Fourth Quarter Invoices at 3.

¹⁰ This amount includes expenses from FY 2022 Third Quarter and FY 2022 Fourth Quarter. DOEE FY 2022 Fourth Quarter Invoices, Attachment B at 5.

¹¹ DOEE FY 2022 Fourth Quarter Invoices at 2-3.

¹² DOEE FY 2022 Fourth Quarter Invoices, Attachment B at 1.

¹³ DOEE FY 2022 Fourth Quarter Invoices, Attachment B at 2.

¹⁴ DOEE FY 2022 Fourth Quarter Invoices, Attachment B at 3.

¹⁵ DOEE FY 2022 Fourth Quarter Invoices, Attachment B at 4-7.

at www.dcpsec.org. Once at the website, open the “eDocket” tab, click on “search database,” and input “FC 1125” as the case number and “517” as the item number. Copies of DOEE’s FY 2022 Fourth Quarter Invoices may also be purchased, at cost, by contacting the Commission Secretary at (202) 626-5150 or psc-commissionsecretary@dc.gov.

A TRUE COPY:

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Brinda Westbrook-Sedgwick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B'.

CHIEF CLERK:

**BRINDA WESTBROOK-SEDGWICK
COMMISSION SECRETARY**