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May 26, 2020

Ms. Brinda Westbrook-Sedgwick Public Service Commission Of the District of Columbia Secretary 1325 G Street, NW, Suite 800 Washington, DC 20005

Re: Formal Case No. 1125 – In the Matter of the Promotion of the Utility Discount Programs

Dear Ms. Westbrook-Sedgwick:

Enclosed, please find for filing the Department of Energy and Environment's Motion to File its April 2020 (1) Report on Customer Feedback Surveys Results, and (2) Report on Utility Discount Program Applications Out of Time. The referenced Reports are attached to this Motion. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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The Promotion of the Utility Discount	)	
Programs	)	Formal Case No. 1125

# DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT'S MOTION TO FILE ITS APRIL 2020 REPORT ON CUSTOMER FEEDBACK SURVEY RESULTS AND UTILITY DISCOUNT APPLICATIONS OUT OF TIME

Pursuant to 15 D.C.M.R. § 117.5 of the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE), through the Office of the Attorney General, moves the Commission to accept out of time the filing of the attached April 2020 Reports on Customer Feedback Survey Results and Utility Discount Program (UDP) Applications (Reports), most recently mandated by the Commission in its Order No. 19092.

The Commission directed DOEE to file the subject Reports on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month following the reported upon month.<sup>2</sup> Thus, DOEE's April 2020 Reports were due by May 15, 2020. However, due to an administrative oversight, DOEE did not timely submit these Reports.

DOEE submits that no party will be prejudiced by this short delay in filing its Reports. Moreover, all parties to the Customer Education Program Working Group (except Commission staff) were polled, and every party that responded stated that they

<sup>2</sup> *Id*.

 $<sup>^1</sup>$  ¶ 46. rel. Sept. 8, 2017. See also, Formal Case Nos. 813 & 988, Order Nos. 17161 at ¶ 54 (rel. June 13, 2013) and 17283 at ¶ 12 (rel. Oct. 24, 2013).

consent to this out-of-time filing.<sup>3</sup> Finally, the Commission will benefit from the information contained in these reports because April 2020 represents the first full month in which the Mayor's COVID-19 public health emergency declaration necessitated the closure of DOEE's Emergency Assistance Centers, resulting in the acceptance of online UDP Applications only.

WHEREFORE, DOEE respectfully moves the Commission to accept the attached April 2020 Reports out of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Verizon, Washington DC, Inc.; Solix, Inc., Potomac Electric Power Company, Washington Gas Light Co., and D.C. Water all affirmatively indicated their consent. As of the time of this filing, the Office of People's Counsel for the District of Columbia did not indicate whether or not it consented to the relief requested in this Motion.

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## THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT'S RESPONSE TO ORDER NOS. 17161 AND 17283

Pursuant to Order Nos. 17161 and 17283 of the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia, the Department of Energy & Environment (DOEE) hereby provides the following response. With Mayor Bowser adjusting the District of Columbia's operating status in response to coronavirus (COVID-19) during the month of April 2020 the DOEE Emergency Assistance Centers were closed to in person appointments. Therefore, there were no Customer Education Plan surveys conducted or collected.

Respectfully submitted,

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### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE MATTER OF:		
The Promotion of	)	
The Utility Discount	)	Formal Case No. 1125
Programs	)	

### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT'S RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 17283

Pursuant to Order No. 17283 of the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia, the Department of Energy & Environment (DOEE) hereby provides the following information for the month of April 2020:

1. The number of UDP applications received during the month.

#### **RESPONSE**:

DOEE received 10 UDP applications by mail.

2. The number of UDP applications processed during the month.

#### **RESPONSE:**

DOEE processed 635 UDP applications.

3. The number of UDP applications granted during the month.

#### **RESPONSE:**

DOEE approved **618** applications, 329 were approved for the Residential Aid Discount with Pepco, 190 for the Residential Essential Service with Washington Gas, and 99 for the Customer Assistance Program with DC Water.

4. The number of UDP applications denied during the month.

#### **RESPONSE:**

DOEE denied 17 applications.

### Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020, I caused true and correct copies of the Department of Energy & Environment's Motion to File its April 2020 Reports on Customer Feedback Survey Results and Utility Discount Program Applications (Reports) Out of Time along with the Reports to be emailed to the following:

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