

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**October 2, 2020**

**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,**

1. The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (“Commission”) hereby gives notice that, on September 30, 2020, the District of Columbia Universal Service Trust Fund Administrator (“DC USTF Administrator”), Solix, Inc. (“Solix”), submitted a proposed 2021 calendar year budget, including a proposed assessment rate of 0.002678 or 0.2678% (“Proposed 2021 DC USTF Budget”).<sup>1</sup>

2. The Proposed 2021 DC USTF budget recommends a budget not to exceed \$387,500, a decrease from the 2020 DC USTF budget of \$392,808. The Proposed 2021 DC USTF budget includes no change to the Lifeline distribution line item (\$65,000). The Proposed 2021 DC USTF budget also includes no change for the Telecommunications Relay Service (“TRS”) line item (\$80,000) based on the current contract with Hamilton Relay; a decrease for the Captioned Telephone line item (\$12,000) based on the contract with Hamilton Relay; no change for the independent audit (\$25,000) line item; no change to the DC USTF Administrator administrative fees (\$80,000); no change to the TRS Advisory Board fees (\$2,000); and an increase to the Consumer Education Program (“CEP”) line item (\$45,000), which includes both the CEP and funding for Department of Energy and Environment (“DOEE”) outreach staff. There is a \$1,000 line item for printing costs assessed by DOEE to promote Lifeline service, labeled as the DOEE Printer. The Proposed 2021 DC USTF budget contains no reduction in the fund balance to offset the 2021 budgetary expenses. This proposed budget combined with the reported and estimated retail revenues of \$144,705,353 yields a proposed assessment rate of 0.002678 or 0.2678%, which is an increase in the assessment rate for the 2021 budget.<sup>2</sup> Contributors to the DC USTF will pay an increased assessment in the calendar year 2021.

3. All persons interested in commenting on the Proposed 2021 DC USTF budget 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 the

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<sup>1</sup> *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*, Recommendation of the DC USTF 2021 Budget (“Proposed 2021 DC USTF budget”), filed September 30, 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Proposed 2021 DC USTF budget, Attachment A.

Proposed 2020 DC USTF budget may be obtained by visiting the Commission's website at [www.dcpsec.org](http://www.dcpsec.org). Once at the website, open the "eDocket" tab, click on "Search Current Dockets" and input "FC 988" as the case number and "1285" as the item number. Copies may also be purchased at cost by contacting the Commission Secretary at (202) 626-5150 or PSC-CommissionSecretary@dc.gov.