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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 (DOEE) Motion to File Out-of-Time its monthly Reports on (1) October and November 2020 Utility Discount Program Applications, and (2) October 2020 Customer Education Plan Expenditures. 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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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT'S MOTION TO FILE CERTAIN MONTHLY REPORTS 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 DOEE's October and November 2020 Reports on Utility Discount Program (UDP) Applications (attached hereto as Appendices A & B, respectively), and DOEE's October 2020 Report on Customer Education Program (CEP) Expenditures (attached hereto as Appendix C). Because the reason for the delay in DOEE submitting these Reports is the same for each Report, DOEE moves for the out-of-time acceptance of these 3 Reports collectively under one motion.

The Commission directed DOEE to file its monthly reports on UDP Applications on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month following the reported upon month.<sup>2</sup> Thus, DOEE's October and November 2020 Reports on UDP Applications were due by November 15, 2020, and December 15, 2020, respectively. In addition, the Commission directed DOEE to file its monthly reports on CEP Expenditures on or before the last day of the month

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Formal Case Nos. 813 & 988, Order Nos. 17283 (*rel*. October 24, 2013) and Order 17407 (*rel*. March 7, 2014), as modified by Order No. 17503 (*rel*. May 29, 2014).

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

following the reported upon month. Thus, DOEE's October 2020 Report on CEP Expenditures was due by November 30, 2020.

However, due to technical issues related to recent upgrades to DOEE's IT system, the data needed to produce the attached Reports was not readily available. DOEE has worked out most of these technical issues with its new system and does not anticipate any further delays in producing its monthly reports on UDP Applications and CEP Expenditures.<sup>3</sup>

DOEE submits that no party will be prejudiced by the delay in filing these Reports. Moreover, the Commission will benefit from the information contained in these Reports because the Reports on UDP Applications document utility assistance program enrollments for low-income residents for months post-onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and may be relevant to help identify any trends in utility assistance needs caused by the economic fallout from the pandemic. Moreover, the October 2020 CEP Expenditure Report represents the first monthly report for the FY2020 CEP, and contains information on the new CEP's vendors and advertising budgets.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> It should be noted, however, that DOEE continues to experience issues with collecting data for its monthly Customer Feedback Survey reports. DOEE anticipates that these issues will be resolved soon, whereupon DOEE will move the Commission to accept these monthly reports out-of-time as well. Currently, outstanding DOEE reports on Customer Feedback Survey results include October and November 2020.

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## **APPENDIX A**

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

## 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 October 2020:

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

#### **RESPONSE**:

DOEE received more than 3,382 applications during October 2020.

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

#### **RESPONSE**:

DOEE processed 2,833 UDP applications during October 2020.

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

#### **RESPONSE:**

DOEE approved **2,743** applications, 1,883 were approved for the Residential Aid Discount with Pepco, 585 for the Residential Essential Service with Washington Gas, and 275 for the Customer Assistance Program with DC Water.

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

#### **RESPONSE**:

DOEE denied 90 applications during October 2020.

#### Respectfully submitted,

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## **APPENDIX B**

#### IN THE MATTER OF:

The Promotion of	)	Formal Case No. 1125
The Utility Discount 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 November 2020:

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

#### **RESPONSE**:

DOEE recorded **499** UDP applications received by mail in November 2020.

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

#### **RESPONSE**:

DOEE processed **2,016** UDP applications received in November 2020.

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

#### **RESPONSE**:

In November 2020, DOEE approved **1,977** applications, 1,112 were approved for the Residential Aid Discount with Pepco, 539 for the Residential Essential Service with Washington Gas, and 326 for the Customer Assistance Program with DC Water.

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

#### **RESPONSE:**

DOEE denied **39** applications in November 2020.

#### Respectfully submitted,

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## **APPENDIX C**

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

## THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT'S RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 17407

Pursuant to Order No. 17407 of the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia, the Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) hereby submits the following report on media buys and expenditures for October 2020.

DOEE executed vendor agreements for FY21 according to the approved FY21 CEP Plan. The table below identifies the FY21 vendors by media category, agreement number and budget.

Medium	Vendor	Executed on	Agreement No.	Total Value
Radio	Radio One (WOL,WYCB,PRAISE,MAJIC,WKYS)	28-Oct-20	PO634038	\$ 9,000.00
	EL Zol - WLZL 107.9 FM	28-Oct-20	PO634052	\$ 5,000.00
Signage	WMATA- OUTFRONT MEDIA	28-Oct-20	PO634117	\$ 10,000.00
	Washington Informer	28-Oct-20	PO634023	\$ 4,000.00
Print/Online/Social Media	El Tiempo	28-Oct-20	PO634024	\$ 3,000.00
Drint/Online/Social Modia	DCist (WAMU) online community paper	28-Oct-20	28-Oct-20 PO634038 \$  28-Oct-20 PO634052 \$  28-Oct-20 PO634117 \$  28-Oct-20 PO634023 \$  28-Oct-20 PO634024 \$  28-Oct-20 PO634032 \$  PO634221 \$  28-Oct-20 PO634424 \$  N/A \$  28-Oct-20 PO634238 \$  \$	\$ 7,000.00
Printy Online, Social Media	NCM –multi platform online Movie streaming ads		PO634221	\$ 7,000.00
	Social Driver	28-Oct-20	PO634424	\$ 48,000.00
	DC Cable (FREE PSA's)	N/A	N/A	\$ -
Television	EffecTV (by Comcast - DC Homes only)			
relevision	Bravo, TNT, TVOne, HGTV, Nickelodeon, BET,	kelodeon, BET, 28-Oct-20 PO634238		
	truTV, OWN, VH1, Weather Channel			\$ 7,000.00
				\$ 100,000.00

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020, I caused true and correct copies of the Department of Energy & Environment's Motion to File Certain Monthly Reports Out of Time to be emailed to the following:

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