

September 16, 2019

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

RE: Power Path DC Order No. 19984  
**Formal Case No. 1130**

Dear Secretary Westbrook-Sedgwick:

On August 2, 2019, the District of Columbia Public Service Commission (the Commission) issued Order No. 19984, requesting comments from interested parties. Oracle would like to take this opportunity to voice our strong support for the process and progress to date. We commend the Commission for undertaking such a broad and transformative process.

The goals of Power Path DC are ambitious, urgent, and aligned with Oracle's work. Oracle's partnerships with utilities across the country – from generation and distribution asset management to customer operations and demand-side management – advances a more sustainable, reliable, affordable, equitable, interactive, and secure grid for the benefit of consumers. Through Oracle's Opower suite of products, we are deeply committed to helping residential customers reduce their energy use and peak demand, adopt new and dynamic rates, understand the value of advanced metering infrastructure, and optimize investments that they have made in technologies like electric vehicles, rooftop solar, and smart homes. To date, Opower has saved more than 25 TWh globally. Moreover, through the Oracle platform and analytics, we provide utilities with visibility into transformations at the grid edge so that they, as distribution system managers, may turn distributed energy resources into grid assets.



In addition to supporting the goals of Power Path DC, Oracle supports the process for bringing about this new vision. The Commission has supported an extensive stakeholder engagement process and Oracle was honored to present to the Customer Impacts Working Group last fall. Going forward, we hope to continue to lend our expertise and experience to support Staff and the working groups as we have for grid modernization proceedings in New York, Ohio, Illinois, and Maryland. Please know that we would gladly join any of the working groups, should you deem our participation beneficial.

Innovation – policy and technological – is one of the foundations of Power Path DC. Oracle invests more than \$6 billion annually in research and development that informs our products and helps utilities and their customers manage an increasingly complex grid. Oracle Utilities is the largest software organization globally dedicated to software innovation in the utility industry. Globally, we partner with utilities across six continents and look forward to bringing all of this experience and ability to innovate to the District. Perhaps most importantly, we have many employees who live in Washington, DC and personally want to see Power Path DC succeed.

If we can provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at [julia.friedman@oracle.com](mailto:julia.friedman@oracle.com) or 216-973-1685.

Sincerely,

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