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Via Electronic Filing and U.S. Mail

Honorable Betty Ann Kane
Chairperson
Public Service Commission of the
District of Columbia
1325 G Street, N.W., Suite 800
Washington, D.C. 20005

Re: Formal Case No. 1139, Request for Additional Public Hearing

Dear Chairman Kane:

The Office of the People's Counsel ("OPC" or "Office") respectfully requests the D.C. Public Service Commission ("Commission" or "PSC") hold an additional public hearing in Formal Case No. 1139, to be scheduled after the conclusion of the evidentiary hearings and before the close of the record on April 25, 2017. The Office makes this request out of concern for the adequacy of the notice issued for the currently scheduled public hearings. The PSC notice of community hearings was issued on February 10th announcing the dates of all four community hearings to be held as followed: February 23rd, March 1st, 4th and 7th, 2017. This short notice left little time for community groups that meet monthly to discuss how their members would provide testimony before the Commission. Concern over notice of the hearings has been voiced by Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners ("ANCs") in meetings with OPC.

Given the importance of the views of the public in the Commission's decision making, an additional public hearing before the close of the record is warranted and would be in the public interest for several reasons. First, it will provide community groups and ANCs sufficient time to coordinate their efforts to inform their members of the hearings and formulate their positions on this important case. Second, granting this request will not harm the interest of any party in the case and will facilitate the development of a robust record from which the Commission will make its decision.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra Mattavous-Frye". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Sandra Mattavous-Frye
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cc: Commissioner Willie L. Phillips
Commissioner Richard Beverly