

DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS FOR SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

1. **Authorizationⁱ**

- D.C. Code § 34-801
- D.C. Code § 34-804
- 15 D.C.M.R. § 3700

2. **Minimum Need**

The Office of the People’s Counsel for the District of Columbia (“OPC” or “Office”) requests the services of Wilson Energy Economics, which has considerable empirical expertise and regulatory experience in technical consulting services.

3. **Estimated Fair and Reasonable Price**

The total contract not-to-exceed price is **\$25,000**.

4. **Facts That Justify a Sole Source Procurement**

- A. The Office of the People’s Counsel for the District of Columbia is an independent agency of the District of Columbia government. By law, it advocates for consumers of natural gas, electric, and telephone services in the District. District of Columbia law designates the Office as a party to all utility-related proceedings before the Public Service Commission. The Office also represents the interests of District ratepayers before federal regulatory agencies. The Office is authorized to investigate the operation and valuation of utility companies independently of any pending proceedings.
- B. Wilson Energy Economics will work under two Tracks:
- Track 1 involves tasks jointly funded with other consumer advocates (“Participating Consumer Advocates”) pertaining to the PJM markets.
 - Track 2 involves tasks specifically requested by OPC.

In 2025-2026, the following issues are likely to be important: work on the issues under the Critical Issues Fast Path – Large Load Additions stakeholder process, ELCC, seasonal capacity market, changes to PJM’s load forecasting methodology; work on PJM’s resource adequacy modeling; further work on RPM and related issues; among others that are likely to arise during the year.

The work would entail specific tasks as requested from time to time by the Participating Consumer Advocates (Track 1; Appendix A) or by OPC (Track 2).

For Track 1 tasks, the Participating Consumer Advocates will determine the tasks to be undertaken and set task-specific schedules and budget limits. For each approved task, a Scope of Work, including a list of deliverables, schedule, and not-to-exceed budget limit, may be required. For Track 2 tasks, OPC will set the procedures.

- C. It is for the reasons outlined herein that it is recommended that a sole-source contract be exclusively awarded to Wilson Energy Economics.

5. **Certification by the Contracting Officer**

I hereby certify that the above facts are accurate and complete.

Naunihal Singh Gumer

Date

DETERMINATION

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the District of Columbia procurement regulations: *DC Law: 34-804*; *DC Law: 34-801*; and *15 DCMR §3700*,

I hereby determine that the award of a sole source contract for the services described herein is in the best interest of the Office of the People's Counsel.

Michael Smalls
Chief Operating Officer

Date

ⁱ Procurement authority is vested in the Commission pursuant to § 13(c) (2) of the Residential Real Property Seller Disclosure, Funeral Services Date Charge, and Public service Commission Independent Procurement Authority Act of 1998 (D.C. Law 12-263). The Commission is statutorily exempt from the D.C. procurement rules as set forth in D.C. Official Code § 1-1181 et seq.

D.C. Code § 34-804, hereby established within the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia, as established by D.C. Code § 34-801, as Office to be known as the "Office of the People's Counsel." The Office shall be a party, as of right, in any investigation, valuation, revaluation, or proceeding of any nature by the Public Service Commission of or concerning a public utility operating in the District of Columbia.

15 D.C.M.R. § 3700: Public Utilities and Cable Television – Public Service Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure.