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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

March 11, 2016

In the Matter of Tariffing Requirements for \*  
Competitive Local Exchange Telephone \*  
Companies with 20,000 or Fewer Subscribers \* Case No. 9414  
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Dear Ms. Flynn:

The Maryland Public Service Commission (“Commission”) has reviewed the Technical Staff’s (“Staff”) Request to Docket a Proceeding Concerning Tariffing Requirements for Competitive Local Exchange Telephone Companies with 20,000 or Fewer Subscribers filed on December 21, 2015 (“Request”). Specifically, Staff is requesting that the Commission docket a proceeding to determine whether it is in the public interest to allow a competitive local exchange telephone company (“CLEC”) having 20,000 or fewer subscribers to provide regulated service without requiring the company to file a tariff schedule of rates and charges with the Commission. Staff is making this request pursuant to Section 4-202(c)(2) of the Public Utilities Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland*. As indicated in Staff’s filing, given the administrative expense to both CLECs and the Commission with filing, reviewing, and maintaining tariffs, coupled with the ready accessibility of CLEC rates, terms and conditions to customers and other interested persons via the internet or other means, Staff believes it can support an argument that eliminating the tariff requirement is in the public interest.

After review of Staff’s Request, the Commission hereby docket the matter as Case No. 9414, sets the matter for hearing, and delegates the matter to the Public Utility Law Judge Division to conduct the proceedings.

By Direction of the Commission,

*/s/ David J. Collins*

David J. Collins  
Executive Secretary

cc: Terry J. Romine, Chief Public Utility Law Judge