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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

June 9, 2016

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION	*	
OF CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES	*	
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF ITS	*	CASE NO. 9415
EXERCISE OF A FRANCHISE TO	*	
PROVIDE NATURAL GAS SERVICES IN	*	
NORTH EAST, MARYLAND	*	
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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT**

To: All Interested Persons

On March 23, 2016, the Town of North East, Maryland granted Chesapeake Utilities Corporation (“Chesapeake” or “Company”) a 50-year term non-exclusive franchise to construct and operate a natural gas distribution system and provide natural gas throughout the Town limits. Subsequently, on April 13, 2016, pursuant to §5-201 of the Public Utilities Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland*, the Company filed with the Maryland Public Service Commission (“Commission”) an application for approval to exercise a franchise awarded to it by the Mayor and Town of North East, Maryland (“Application”). At its June 8, 2016 Administrative Meeting, the Commission authorized Chesapeake to exercise its franchise within the Town of North East after allowing a 30 day comment period, should no adverse comments be received.

The Commission hereby provides Notice of an Opportunity to Comment on Chesapeake’s Application.<sup>1</sup> Written Comments shall be filed by July 8, 2016. An original and 17 paper copies, and one electronic copy, of the comments shall be submitted to David J. Collins, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6

<sup>1</sup> A copy of the Application can be viewed or downloaded from the electronic case jacket in this docket from the Commission’s website at [www.psc.state.md.us](http://www.psc.state.md.us). Item No. 1 in the 9315 electronic case jacket.

St. Paul Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. Five of the paper copies shall be three-hole punched.

By Direction of the Commission,

*/s/ David J. Collins*

David J. Collins  
Executive Secretary