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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

April 28, 2017

In the Matter of the Petition of the Maryland	*	
Office of People’s Counsel for an	*	ML# 210061
Investigation into Verizon Maryland’s	*	ML# 214820
Provision of Basic Local Phone Service Over	*	
Copper or Fiber Networks	*	

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GRANT OF REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO FILE COMMENTS

On January 13, 2017, the Maryland Office of People’s Counsel (“OPC”) filed a Petition with the Maryland Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for an Investigation into Verizon Maryland’s Provision of Basic Local Phone Service over Copper or Fiber Networks (“Petition”).¹ On January 30, 2017, the Commission issued a Notice of Request for Comments, directing the Commission’s Technical Staff (“Staff”) and other interested parties to file written comments on OPC’s Petition by May 1, 2017.²

Staff, on April 25, 2017, filed a request for an extension of time until June 1, 2017, to file comments on the Petition (“Request”).³ Staff believes that the additional time will allow it to provide the Commission with a more thorough analysis of the issues presented in OPC’s Petition. Staff’s filing indicates that OPC does not object to this extension request and that Verizon Maryland LLC (“Verizon”) also does not object to the extension provided Verizon’s comments would be considered due on the same date.

After considering the matter, the Commission grants Staff’s Request. Accordingly, written comments regarding OPC’s Petition shall be filed by Staff and other interested parties no later than June 1, 2017. An original and seventeen copies of the comments, together with an electronic copy, shall be addressed to David J. Collins, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. Five of the paper copies shall be three-holed punched. The Commission

¹ A copy of OPC’s Petition can be viewed or downloaded from the Commission’s maillog search function available on the Commission’s website at www.psc.state.md.us.

² See ML 212061.

³ See ML 214820.

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encourages the use of the Commission's "e-Filing" system for submission of the electronic copy of the filing. Details of the "e-Filing" system are on the Commission's web page, www.psc.state.md.us.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ David J. Collins

David J. Collins
Executive Secretary