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Maryland PSC Appoints Jennifer Grace as Public Utility Law Judge

(Baltimore, MD–September 21, 2017) – The Maryland Public Service Commission announces the appointment of Jennifer Grace as a Public Utility Law Judge. Ms. Grace has worked at the Commission since 2011, first as Assistant Staff Counsel, and then as Deputy Staff Counsel.

Prior to her work at the Commission, Ms. Grace had 10 years of trial experience in criminal and family law in Virginia, first as a Commonwealth's Attorney, and then later in a firm and as a sole practitioner. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from Hobart & William Smith Colleges and a Juris Doctor from the University of Richmond School of Law. She is admitted to the bar in Maryland, Virginia and Alabama.

Ms. Grace is a resident of Reisterstown, in Baltimore County, Maryland. Her appointment is effective September 27, 2017.

The Public Utility Law Judge Division is a separate organizational unit reporting directly to the Commission, and is comprised of four attorney Public Utility Law Judges, including the Chief Public Utility Law Judge.

Typically, the Commission delegates to the Division certain proceedings including applications for construction of power plants and high-voltage transmission lines; utility rate cases, transportation/common carrier cases, and consumer and other complaints which are not resolved at the administrative level. This Division includes a License Hearing Officer, who hears matters related to certain taxicab permit holders and also matters regarding Baltimore City, Cumberland, and Hagerstown taxicab drivers, as well as passenger-for-hire carriers and drivers and Transportation Network Operators.

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About the Public Service Commission:

The Maryland Public Service Commission regulates electric and gas utilities, telephone companies (land lines), certain water and sewer companies, passenger motor vehicle carriers for hire (sedans, limousines, buses, Uber, Lyft), taxicab companies (in Baltimore City and County, Cumberland and Hagerstown) and bay pilot rates.

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