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## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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2025	Joint	Chairmen's	Report:	*	Administrative Docket
	Apprenticeships	with	Public	*	PC 69
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### **NOTICE CONVENING A PUBLIC CONFERENCE AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS**

On April 22, 2025, the Maryland Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and House Appropriation Committee issued the Joint Chairmen's Report on the Fiscal 2026 State Operating Budget (House Bill 350) and the State Capital Budget (House Bill 351) and Related Recommendations.<sup>1</sup> The report requires the Public Service Commission submit a report on apprenticeships within public service companies. Specifically, the committees are interested in learning about apprenticeships within utility companies.

Accordingly, the Commission initiates this Public Conference ("PC 69") for the use of collecting data for the study and to house related filings and documents. The Commission hereby requests comments from public service companies addressing the attached questions.<sup>2</sup> Public service companies are requested to provide comments by June 30, 2025, on the questions included

<sup>1</sup> [https://dls.maryland.gov/pubs/prod/RecurRpt/Joint-Chairmens-report\\_2025.pdf](https://dls.maryland.gov/pubs/prod/RecurRpt/Joint-Chairmens-report_2025.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> Public service companies are defined in Public Utilities Article §1-101 as a common carrier company, electric company, gas company, sewage disposal company, telegraph company, telephone company, water company, or any combination of public service companies.

in this notice and any other information relevant to this matter. Comments must be e-Filed using the Commission's e-File system,<sup>3</sup> include "PC 69" in the subject line, and be addressed to Andrew S. Johnston, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland, 21202.

By Direction of the Commission,

*/s/ Andrew S. Johnston*

Andrew S. Johnston  
Executive Secretary

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<sup>3</sup> Details of the e-file system can be found on the Commission's website, [www.psc.state.md.us](http://www.psc.state.md.us).

1. What apprenticeships already exist within your utility company?
2. Are your existing apprenticeships part of the registered apprenticeship program with the US Department of Labor and/or the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Program?
3. If not, has your utility company participated in a registered apprenticeship program previously?
4. What workforce needs can be met with registered apprenticeships?
5. Are there any barriers to creating and expanding apprenticeships?
6. Does your utility have any goals for scaling apprenticeships? If so, please describe by occupation and industry.
7. Does your utility company offer internships? If so, are they in lieu of or in addition to apprenticeships?
8. Does your utility company have any recommendations for the State regarding apprenticeships, workforce development, or related matters?