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Maryland PSC Appoints Two Public Utility Law Judges

(BALTIMORE, MD-September 4, 2018) – The Maryland Public Service Commission announces the appointments of Janice M. Flynn and Kristin Case Lawrence as Public Utility Law Judges. “I am pleased to announce the appointments of Judge Lawrence and Judge Flynn to their new posts,” said Chairman Jason Stanek. “I am confident that their combined legal and regulatory experience will serve the public well in the years to come.”

Judge Flynn joined the Commission in November 1991 as an Assistant Staff Counsel to the Technical Staff. Prior to that, she worked as a corporate attorney at a law firm in Baltimore. Judge Flynn graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park with a Bachelor of Science in Journalism and earned her juris doctor from the University of Maryland School of Law. She lives in Towson (Baltimore County), Maryland.

Judge Lawrence has been with the Commission since 2012, where she worked most recently as an Assistant General Counsel. Before that she worked in the Maryland Office of the Attorney General representing the State Highway Administration. She also has litigation experience with private Baltimore law firms. Judge Lawrence holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Virginia and earned her juris doctor (*cum laude*) from Widener University School of Law. She lives in Phoenix (Baltimore County), Maryland.

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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