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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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NOTICE OF WAIVER AND RELAXED FILING REQUIREMENTS

On Thursday, March 5, 2020, Governor Hogan declared a state of emergency in Maryland due to the emergence of Coronavirus Disease 2019, or COVID-19. As part of the State's efforts to protect public health, the Maryland Department of Health, the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, the Department of Budget and Management, and other state agencies are actively working to protect the public, including the health of state employees and their families, while ensuring the continuity of operations through state agencies. To that end, the Maryland Public Service Commission ("Commission") has determined that easing paper filing requirements during this emergency would enable more flexible Commission operations and allow stakeholders to engage with the Commission more easily. Therefore, **effective Monday, March 16, 2020**, the Commission is waiving the paper filing requirements of COMAR 20.07.04.12, and accepting certain non-confidential or non-proprietary filings of 25 pages or less without the submission of an original or additional paper copies.

The Commission will require 2 paper copies – an original and a duplicate – of confidential and proprietary filings (and an electronic copy),¹ and other filings, such as original bonds, that by operation of law or their nature must be submitted in original form.

All filings consisting of more than 25 pages must also be supplemented with 2 paper copies – an original and a duplicate (in addition to the electronic copy).²

Via this Notice, the Commission hereby directs the Office of the Executive Secretary to coordinate the implementation of this Notice with all affected entities, internal and external to the Commission. The Commission retains its right to require additional copies of documents or other material in its discretion on a case-by-case basis.

Any questions concerning the filing requirements shall be directed to the Office of the Executive Secretary.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ Andrew S. Johnston

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Executive Secretary

¹ The electronic copy should be submitted with the required paper filings on a USB drive or CD.

² The non-confidential electronic copy of these filings may be submitted via the Commission's E-file system available on its website at www.psc.state.md.us.