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In the Matter of the Current Status of the
Market for Attachments to Utility Poles in
Maryland

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Administrative Docket
PC 38

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

To: All Interested Persons

On May 12, 2016, the Maryland Public Service Commission’s (“Commission”) Technical Staff (“Staff”) filed a Petition Regarding the Adoption of Statewide Communication System to Facilitate Transfer of Utility Pole Attachments (“Petition”).¹ In its Petition, Staff requests that the Commission require the adoption of a State-wide communications system to facilitate the transfer of utility pole attachments and removal of double utility poles. Specifically, Staff requests that the Commission, after issuing a notice and receiving comments from interested parties, schedule a hearing to determine whether Maryland utilities should participate in the National Joint Utilities Notification System (“NJUNS”) to improve communications and accountability for joint operations among all Maryland utilities.

¹ A copy of Staff’s Petition may be reviewed or downloaded from the electronic case jacket for this docket, which may be accessed via the Commission’s website, www.psc.state.md.us.

The Commission hereby provides Notice of Request for Comments on Staff's recommendation to implement NJUNS on a State-wide basis and that the NJUNS fees be paid by the four largest electric utilities in the State, prorated by the number of customers. Any comments on Staff's Petition shall be filed by June 27, 2016. An original and 17 two-sided paper copies, and an electronic copy², of each filing made pursuant to this Notice shall be submitted to David J. Collins, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. Five of the paper copies to the Commission shall be three-hole punched. Interested parties are encouraged to use the Commission's "e-file" system that is available on the Commission's website, www.psc.state.md.us.

By Direction of the Commission,
/s/ David J. Collins
David J. Collins
Executive Secretary

² The Commission encourages persons to submit the electronic copy of a filing through the Commission's E-file system, which is available via the Commission's website.