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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF VIRTUAL HEARING

On January 24, 2020, the Maryland Public Service Commission ("Commission") announced that it would continue its annual review of the Maryland Supplier Diversity Program (formerly Public Conference 16 ("PC 16")), within a new Public Conference – PC 52 – and hold a hearing to begin at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, July 28, 2020, at the Baltimore City Community College (BCCC) in Baltimore. The Commission hereby gives Notice that the hearing will no longer be held at BCCC and that the hearing will instead be virtual.¹ This year's theme is "The Impact of COVID-19 on Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBEs)."

At the virtual hearing, the Commission will receive limited live testimony from certain parties, including utility companies, MWBEs, and Staff. In lieu of additional live testimony, other individuals may submit comments in writing prior to the hearing,² or by July 31, 2020.

Written comments on this matter may also be submitted electronically or by first-class mail by July 31, 2020. Comments submitted electronically must be submitted through the Commission's Public Comment Dropbox, which can be accessed through the Commission's website at www.psc.state.md.us. Instructions for logging into the Public Comment Dropbox are located under the "Tools" section of the Commission's website under the "Make a Public Comment" tab, which can be accessed via the following link: https://www.psc.state.md.us/make-a-public-comment/. Commenters using the Public Comment Dropbox for the first time are required to complete a one-time registration. All comments must include a reference to PC 52. If submitted by first-class mail, comments must be addressed to Andrew S. Johnston, Executive

¹ The Commission will conduct the hearing via virtual meeting on Webex.

² Persons that wish to have their comments considered before the hearing are encouraged to file their comments in the Commission's electronic public comment dropbox by July 24, 2020.

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Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

Individuals who have not already been contacted to coordinate their participation in the hearing may watch the livestream of the hearing on the Commission's YouTube channel.³ Please direct any questions about the virtual hearing to Casey Brent at <u>casey.brent@maryland.gov</u>.

By Direction of the Commission, /s/ Andrew S. Johnston Andrew S. Johnston Executive Secretary

³ You may access the Commission's YouTube channel via the "Watch PSC Proceedings" button on the lower left side of the Commission's home page, or via the following link to the YouTube channel: <u>https://www.youtube.com/c/MarylandPSC</u>.