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NOTICE OF HEARING

To: The Public Service Companies That Have Fully Executed Supplier Diversity Memoranda of Understanding¹ and Interested Persons

The Public Service Commission (“Commission”) hereby schedules a hearing to begin at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, July 24, 2018, in its 16th Floor Hearing Room, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. The purpose of the hearing is:

- (1) to consider the report from the Commission’s Technical Staff (“Staff”) that summarizes the data from the 2017 Maryland Supplier Diversity Program Annual Reports (“2017 Annual Reports”) filed with the Commission by the Reporting Companies, including any issues that may have come to Staff’s attention during its review of the 2017 Annual Reports (“Staff Report”);

¹ The companies that have a fully executed Supplier Diversity Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) are: Association of Maryland Pilots; AT&T Corp.; Baltimore Gas and Electric Company; Chesapeake Utilities Corporation – Maryland Division; Choptank Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Columbia Gas of Maryland, Inc.; Comcast Phone of Northern Maryland Inc. and Comcast Business Communications, LLC.; Delmarva Power & Light Company; Easton Utilities; First Transit’s Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport Shuttle Bus Contract; Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Elkton Gas; Potomac Electric Power Company; Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative, Inc.; The Potomac Edison Company d/b/a Allegheny Power; Veolia Transportation Services, Inc.; Verizon Maryland LLC.; and Washington Gas Light Company; (individually, “Company,” and collectively, “MOU Companies”).

- (2) to hear any comments from each Reporting Company on the portion of the Staff Report applicable to the Company and to discuss with representatives of each Reporting Company, which representatives shall include a senior executive from the Reporting Company,² on the status of the Company's efforts implementing the MOU, including goals, collection of data, resolution of disputes, etc. In addition, the Commission invites all parties to comment on the theme "Opening Doors to Opportunity." While acknowledging significant achievements in the Supplier Diversity program, the Commission recognizes the importance of maintaining and striving to exceed even more ambitious goals; and
- (3) to review the data requested in the Commission's request for additional information in its October 26, 2017 Public Determination and any additional comments provided at the hearing. Specifically, the Commission will review data to inform the decision on whether to:
 - a. expand tier II spend to include "indirect spend"; and
 - b. expand the reporting categories to include Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) or, Veteran-Owned Businesses (VOBE) firms.

Pursuant to COMAR 20.50 et. al, the Commission shall consider proposed modifications to the MOU as set forth in the Public Determination and may adopt them at that time.

The Staff shall submit an original and seventeen paper copies, and an electronic copy,³ of its Staff Report to David J. Collins, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202 by July 11, 2018.

² The executive that signed the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the Company (or the person now holding that position) is not required to appear, but the senior executive that does appear should be at a level that is able to bind the Company and to make policy decisions on supplier diversity matters.

³ The Commission encourages persons to submit the non-confidential electronic copy through the Commission's "e-file" system, which can be accessed through the Commission's website, www.psc.state.md.us. Otherwise, the electronic copy may be provided on a CD accompanying the paper copies of the filing.

Five of the paper copies shall be three-hole punched.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ David J. Collins

David J. Collins
Executive Secretary