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**NOTICE OF MARYLAND SUPPLIER DIVERSITY PROGRAM CONFERENCE:  
PUBLIC CONFERENCE 52**

The Commission will continue its annual review of the Maryland Supplier Diversity Program by holding a hearing to begin at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at the Center for the Arts Lounge at the Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC), 800 South Rolling Rd., Baltimore, Maryland.<sup>1</sup>

The purpose of the hearing is:

- (1) to consider the upcoming report from the Commission’s Technical Staff (“Staff”) that summarizes the data from the 2021 Maryland Supplier Diversity Program Annual Reports (“2021 Annual Reports”) filed with the Commission by the Reporting Companies,<sup>2</sup> including any issues that may have come to Staff’s attention during its review of the 2021 Annual Reports (“Staff Report”);

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<sup>1</sup> Attendees will subject to CCBC’s on-campus safety protocols, including any mask or face covering requirements.  
<sup>2</sup> The companies that have a fully executed Supplier Diversity Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) are as follows: Association of Maryland Pilots; AT&T Corp.; Baltimore Gas and Electric Company; Century Link; 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; Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Elkton Gas (n/k/a Elkton Gas Company); Potomac Electric Power Company; Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative, Inc.; The Potomac Edison Company; Verizon Maryland LLC.; Washington Gas Light Company, and Maryland-American Water Company (individually, “Reporting Company”; collectively, “Reporting Companies”).

- (2) to hear comments from each Reporting Company on the Staff Report and to discuss with representatives of each Company<sup>3</sup> the status of the Company's efforts towards implementing the MOU, including goals, data collection, resolution of disputes, etc.; and
- (3) to hear comments on the theme of this year's conference: "Inclusive Recovery".

At the outset of the pandemic three years ago, this Commission received comments from several suppliers describing concerns over how diverse firms would navigate the shutdowns. Utilities were encouraged to work inclusively with all firms to support them during this difficult time. We know the utilities responded positively, and created new solutions to support MOU suppliers. We look forward to hearing about those unique solutions from the perspective of the companies that offered them and the suppliers that benefited from them.

At the hearing, the Commission will receive limited live testimony from certain parties, including utility companies, minority- and women-owned business enterprises, and Staff. In lieu of additional live testimony, other individuals may submit comments in writing prior to the hearing,<sup>4</sup> or by July 15, 2022.

Written comments on this matter may also be submitted electronically or by first-class mail by July 15, 2022. 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](http://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 PC52. If submitted by first-class mail, comments must be addressed to Andrew S. Johnston, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

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<sup>3</sup> 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 representative that does appear should be authorized to bind the Company on supplier diversity matters.

<sup>4</sup> 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 8, 2022.

Individuals who are not contacted to coordinate their participation in the hearing may watch the livestream of the hearing on the Commission's YouTube channel.<sup>5</sup> Please direct any questions about the hearing to Likweli Green at [likweli.green@maryland.gov](mailto:likweli.green@maryland.gov).

By Direction of the Commission,

*/s/ David J. Collins*

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<sup>5</sup> 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: <https://www.youtube.com/c/MarylandPSC>.