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## **Maryland PSC Launches Online Portal for Public Comments**

(BALTIMORE, MD-May 22, 2019) – Members of the public will now be able to file and search comments electronically in a new system established by the Maryland Public Service Commission. The Public Comments electronic filing system can be found on the Commission's website at

https://webapp.psc.state.md.us/newintranet/comment/login\_new.cfm.

"This user-friendly system provides an easy, convenient and efficient method for the public to engage in our proceedings, such as utility rate requests and applications to build energy generating facilities or transmission lines," said Jason Stanek, Chairman of the Commission. "The Commission is excited to launch an innovative online system that will add tremendous value and transparency to our processes and allow the public a faster, simpler way to give input on matters that impact their families and communities."

After completing a quick, one-time registration, comments on open, docketed cases may be submitted by case number in a variety of formats including PDF, Word, Excel, etc. Photos may also be uploaded with comments. The system will only accept public comments for rate cases and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) cases, not for public conference or rule making dockets.

As an alternative, members of the public can still mail in written comments; these will be scanned and added to the online database. Mailed comments should be addressed to: Ms. Terry J. Romine, Executive Secretary Maryland Public Service Commission William Donald Schaefer Tower 6 St. Paul Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor Baltimore, MD 21202

The related case number should be included with all comments. A copy of the written comments are recorded and maintained in the case correspondence file. Public comments submitted after May 16, 2019--whether filed electronically, mailed in or handed in at a hearing--will be archived in the Public Comments electronic filing system and can be searched online at:

https://webapp.psc.state.md.us/newintranet/Comment/searchFrmuser.cfm

Links to the filing and search functions can be found on the Commission's homepage, <a href="https://www.psc.state.md.us">www.psc.state.md.us</a>

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The Maryland Public Service Commission regulates electric and gas utilities, telephone companies (land lines), certain water and sewer companies, passenger motor vehicle carriers for hire (sedans, limousines, buses, Uber, Lyft), taxicab companies (in Baltimore City and County, Cumberland and Hagerstown) and bay pilot rates.

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