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Revisions to COMAR 20.62 – Community Solar Energy Generation Systems

Administrative Docket **RM56**

NOTICE INITIATING RULE MAKING AND NOTICE OF RULE MAKING SESSION

The Public Service Commission ("Commission") hereby initiates an Administrative Docket, RM 56, to consider revisions to the Code of Maryland Regulations ("COMAR") 20.62 that, if adopted, will establish new regulations that provide the ability for customers, in certain circumstances, to subscribe to a community solar energy generation system under a pilot program approved by the Commission. On November 10, 2015, the Commission's Technical Staff ("Staff") filed proposed Community Solar Energy Generation Systems regulations intended to meet the requirements of Sections 7-306.1 and 7-306.2 of the Public Utilities Article, Annotated Code of Maryland for consideration by the Commission. A copy of the proposed regulations may be accessed from the Commission's web page www.psc.state.md.us, in the electronic case jacket for this docket (RM 56).

Comments on the proposed regulations shall be filed by Friday, December 4, 2015. All filings should be addressed to David J. Collins, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore,

Maryland 21202. Each filing should consist of an original and seventeen (17) two-sided paper

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copies, and include an electronic version of the filing. The applicable Administrative Docket number must appear in the subject line of the cover letter. Five paper copies of the filing shall be three-hole punched. The Commission encourages the parties to use its "eFile" system to submit the electronic version of the filing. Details of the "eFile" system can be found on the Commission's website, <u>www.psc.state.md.us</u>.

The Commission also gives notice that it will conduct a rule making session on Monday, December 14, 2015 and Tuesday, December 15, 2015 (if needed) beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission's 16th Floor Hearing Room, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. The purpose of the rule making session is to consider whether to publish the proposed revisions to COMAR 20.62 as drafted by Staff or revised based on comments received. If the Commission approves the proposed regulations for publication, the proposed regulations will be published in the *Maryland Register* for notice and comment as provided for by the Maryland Administrative Procedures Act.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ David J. Collins

David J. Collins Executive Secretary