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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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Revisions to COMAR 20.31, 20.50, and  
20.55 – Theft of Energy

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**NOTICE INITIATING RULE MAKING AND NOTICE OF RULE MAKING SESSION**

The Public Service Commission (“Commission”) hereby initiates an Administrative Docket, RM 57, to consider revisions to the Code of Maryland Regulations (“COMAR”) 20.31, 20.50, and 20.55 that, if adopted, will establish new regulations that provide additional termination of service notice provisions, in certain circumstances, to better serve customers, the utilities, and the Commission. On February 1, 2016, the Commission’s Director of External Relations, Mr. Odogwu Obi Linton, filed proposed “Theft of Energy” regulations associated with gas service and electric service 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](http://www.psc.state.md.us), in the electronic case jacket for this docket (RM 57).

Comments on the proposed regulations shall be filed by Wednesday, February 24, 2016. 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 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, [www.psc.state.md.us](http://www.psc.state.md.us).

The Commission also gives notice that it will conduct a rule making session on Monday, February 29, 2016 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission’s 16<sup>th</sup> 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 20.31, 20.50, and 20.55 as drafted by Mr. Linton 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