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Revisions to COMAR 20.45.09.03 –	*	
Intrastate Switched Access Rates	*	Administrative Docket
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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 64, to consider revisions to the Code of Maryland Regulation (“COMAR”) 20.45.09.03 – Intrastate Switched Access Rates. On April 12, 2018, the Commission’s Technical Staff (“Staff”) filed a Petition to Establish Rulemaking Regarding Intrastate Originating Switched Access Rates, including proposed revisions to COMAR 20.45.09.03. The proposed revisions, as recommended Staff, would reduce intrastate originating switched access rates for all facilities-based local exchange carriers to the corresponding interstate rate. In addition, Staff requests that the proposed regulations limit intrastate originating switched access charges from being greater than the corresponding interstate charges, unless otherwise allowed by the Commission. A copy of the proposed revisions 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 64).

Comments on the proposed regulation shall be filed by Friday, June 1, 2018. 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, [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 Wednesday, June 6, 2018, beginning at 1:00 p.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 20.45.09.03 as drafted by Staff or as revised based on comments received. If the Commission approves the proposed regulation for publication, the proposed regulation 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*

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Executive Secretary