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Revisions to COMAR 20.31.01.02 and COMAR * Administrative Docket
20.31.03.06 * RM65

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NOTICE INITIATING RULE MAKING AND NOTICE OF RULE MAKING SESSION

The Public Service Commission (“Commission”) hereby initiates an Administrative Docket, RM65, to consider revisions to the Code of Maryland Regulations (“COMAR”) 20.31.01.02 and 20.31.03.06. The purpose of the revisions is to clarify the minimum required content of service termination notices to individuals who have a legal right to reside in a master-metered buildings.

On May 23, 2018, the Maryland Office of People’s Counsel, Potomac Electric Power Company, Delmarva Power & Light Company, and Washington Gas Light Company (collectively “Petitioners”) filed a Petition for Rulemaking and Request for a Rulemaking Session (“Petition”), which included proposed revisions to COMAR 20.31.01.02 and COMAR 20.31.03.06.¹ In the Petition, the Petitioners explained the proposal for rulemaking stemmed from a good faith disagreement among the Petitioners as to whether COMAR 20.31.03.06 requires utilities to provide individual termination notices to master-metered condominium residents or occupants with the content set forth in COMAR 20.31.02.06.

¹ See Maillog No. 220640.

The issue was included in Case No. 9444² and Case No. 9445.³ In each of these cases, a settlement was reached by Petitioners that included, as a term of settlement, a commitment by the Petitioners to file a joint petition for rulemaking to clarify COMAR 20.31.01.02 and COMAR 20.31.03.06.⁴

Comments on the proposed revisions to COMAR 20.31.01.02 and COMAR 20.31.03.06 shall be filed by August 15, 2018. The comments should be addressed to Terry J. Romine, 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 two-sided paper copies, and include an electronic version of the filing.⁵ The applicable Administrative Docket number (RM65) must appear in the subject line of the cover letter. Five paper copies of the filing should be three-hole punched.

The Commission also gives notice that it will conduct a rule making session on August 21, 2018 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Frank O. Heintz Hearing Room, 16th Floor, 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 revision to COMAR 20.31.01.02 and COMAR 20.31.03.06, as initially submitted, or as revised based on comments received. If the Commission approves the proposed regulations for publication, the

² *In the Matter of Service Terminations by Potomac Electric Power Company.*

³ *In the Matter of Service Terminations by Washington Gas Light Company.*

⁴ The settlement in each of the docketed cases were approved by Commission. *See Order Nos. 88648 and 88649.*

⁵ The Commission encourages the parties to use its e-File system to submit the electronic version of the filing.

Details of the e-File system can be found on the Commission's website, www.psc.state.md.us.

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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/ Terry J. Romine

Terry J. Romine
Executive Secretary