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Revisions to COMAR 20.50.02.02 and	*	Administrative Docket
COMAR 20.50.09	*	RM68
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NOTICE INITIATING RULEMAKING AND NOTICE OF RULEMAKING SESSION

The Maryland Public Service Commission hereby initiates an Administrative Docket, RM68, to consider revisions to the Code of Maryland Regulations (“COMAR”) 20.50.02.02 and 20.50.09. The purpose of the revisions is to make it easier, more cost-effective, and more transparent for interconnection applicants to connect clean energy to the electric grid.

On July 22, 2019, the Interconnection Work Group submitted a Request to Initiate a Rulemaking Associated with Public Conference 44 (“PC44”) and Interconnection Processes, as well as its Phase II Final Report, Small Generator Facility Interconnection.¹ The first phase of the PC44 Interconnection Work Group’s efforts was completed with the final RM61 rulemaking session held on September 5, 2018, which adopted final regulations went into effect on October 8, 2018. The Work Group has continued Phase II efforts to further improve Maryland regulations to support grid modernization.

¹ A copy of the filing is electronically available via the Commission’s website, www.psc.state.md.us, ML# 226155.

Comments on the proposed revisions to COMAR 20.50.02.02 and COMAR 20.50.09 shall be filed by September 10, 2019. 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 twelve (12) two-sided paper copies and include an electronic version of the filing.² The applicable Administrative Docket number (RM68) must appear in the subject line of the cover letter. Three paper copies of the filing should be three-hole punched.

The Commission also gives notice that it will conduct a rulemaking session on September 18, 2019 beginning at 1:00 p.m. or one-half hour after the adjournment of the Administrative Meeting whichever is later. The rulemaking session will be held in the Frank O. Heintz Hearing Room, 16th Floor, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. The purpose of the rulemaking session is to consider whether to publish the proposed revisions to COMAR 20.50.02.02 and COMAR 20.50.09, as initially submitted, or as 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/ Terry J. Romine

Terry J. Romine
Executive Secretary

² 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.