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New COMAR Chapter 20.55.10

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Administrative Docket
RM71

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NOTICE INITIATING RULEMAKING (RM71) AND
NOTICE OF VIRTUAL RULEMAKING SESSION

The Maryland Public Service Commission hereby initiates an Administrative Docket, RM71, to consider new regulations to be codified as COMAR 20.55.10.01, .02, and .03. On October 27, 2020, on behalf of the Professional Engineer Work Group, the Commission’s Technical Staff (“Staff”) submitted a Petition for a Rulemaking seeking to adopt regulations regarding Licensed Professional Engineer (“PE”) approval and stamping of natural gas infrastructure projects in Maryland.¹ The background, purposes, and text of the proposed regulations may be found in Staff’s petition.

Comments on the new COMAR Chapter, 20.55.10, shall be e-filed by Friday, November 20, 2020.² The comments should be addressed to Andrew S. Johnston, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. The applicable Administrative Docket number (RM71) must appear in the subject line of the cover letter.

¹ Maillog No. 232240.

² Details of the e-File system can be found on the Commission’s website, www.psc.state.md.us.

The Commission also gives notice that it will conduct a virtual rulemaking session on Friday, December 4, 2020, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the rulemaking session is to consider whether to publish the new COMAR Chapter, 20.55.10, as submitted on October 27, 2020, 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.

If you would like to actively participate in the virtual rulemaking, please contact Tonya Johnson at tonya.johnson3@maryland.gov by 12 Noon on Wednesday, December 2, 2020.³ Otherwise, you may watch the live stream of the rulemaking session on the Commission's YouTube channel.⁴ Please also direct any questions about the rulemaking to Tonya Johnson.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ Andrew S. Johnston

Andrew S. Johnston
Executive Secretary

³ The meeting will be conducted on Webex. After the 12 p.m. December 2, 2020, deadline, participants will receive instructions on how to participate, which may include a required test run.

⁴ <https://www.youtube.com/c/MarylandPSC>.