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February 9, 2021

Revisions to COMAR 20.79

Administrative Docket RM72

Notice of Vitrual Rulemaking Session (RM72) Regarding Application Requirements

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For A Certificate Of Public Convenience And Necessity

On December 23, 2020 the Commission initiated an Administrative Docket, RM72, to consider revisions to Code of Maryland Regulations ("COMAR") 20.79.¹ The Commission requested comments on the proposed revisions to COMAR 20.79 by Friday, February 5, 2021, and received a number of comments from various parties.

Accordingly, the Commission hereby gives notice that it will conduct a rulemaking session on Monday, March 29, 2021 at 10:00 AM, and, if needed, Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 10:00 AM, via virtual meeting.² The purpose of the rule making session is to consider the proposed regulations filed on December 18, 2020 by the Commission's Technical Staff, as well as comments received from the parties. Copies of the proposed regulations and various comments may be accessed from the Commission's web page www.psc.state.md.us, in the

¹ On December 18, 2020, following a September 23, 2020 Notice of Intent to Initiate a Rulemaking from the Commission and various comments from interested parties, the Commission's Technical Staff submitted a Petition for a Rulemaking for the purpose of revising the COMAR provisions governing applications for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to include certain application requirements, including the establishment of a new pre-application process, for the construction of large-scale generating stations. Maillog No.'s 231910 and 233034.

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electronic case jacket for this docket (RM72). The Commission encourages all parties to reach further consensus on the proposed regulations in advance of the rulemaking session.

If you would like to actively participate in the rulemaking, please contact Tonya Johnson³ at <u>tonya.johnson3@maryland.gov</u> by 12:00 noon on Thursday, March 25, 2021. 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.

If the Commission approves 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/ Andrew S. Johnston

Andrew S. Johnston Executive Secretary

³ Participants will receive an email confirming participation and information on how to join and a mandatory test run, if necessary.

⁴ You may access the Commission's YouTube channel via the "Watch PSC Proceedings" button on the lower left side of the Commission's home page, or via the following link to the YouTube channel: <u>https://www.youtube.com/c/MarylandPSC</u>.