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Revisions to COMAR 20.32, 20.50, 20.53, 20.55, and 20.59 – Competitive Markets and Retail Gas and Electric Customer Choice	* * * *	Administrative Docket RM62
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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 62, to consider revisions to the Code of Maryland Regulations (“COMAR”) 20.32, 20.50, 20.53, 20.55, and 20.59 regarding customer choice in the retail gas and electric competitive markets and related issues. On February 1, 2018, the Commission’s leader of the Public Conference 44 (“PC44”) Phase II Competitive Markets and Customer Choice Work Group, Ms. Marissa Gillett, filed a Petition to Initiate a Rule Making Associated with PC44 and Enhancements to the Competitive Markets and Customer Choice Regulations (“Petition”).¹ Specifically, the Work Group Leader submitted a report and proposed draft regulations for Commission consideration that address proposed enhancements to the competitive market and customer choice framework currently applicable in Maryland. As part of the Petition, the Work Group Leader also requested that the Commission address the proposed regulations previously filed on June 30, 2017 by the Phase I Work Group Leader, Mr. Odogwu Obi Linton.² A copy of

¹ See Maillog No. 218801.

² The Phase I and Phase II proposed regulations are appended as a comprehensive package in Attachment 4 to the Petition.

the report and Phase I and Phase II proposed comprehensive regulations may be accessed from the Commission's web page, www.psc.state.md.us, in the electronic case jacket for this docket (RM 62).

Comments on the report and proposed regulations shall be filed by Thursday, April 19, 2018. In addition, as requested by the Phase II Work Group Leader, the Commission requests comments regarding a potential Phase III of the Work Group, as described in Section IV of the Work Group Leader's Report. 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 copies, and include an electronic version of the filing. The applicable Administrative Docket number (RM62) 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.

The Commission also gives notice that it will conduct a rule making session on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission's 16th 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 20.32, 20.50, 20.53, 20.55, and 20.59, as initially submitted, as or 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/ David J. Collins

David J. Collins
Executive Secretary