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STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, *ex rel.*

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

CASE NO. CLK-2020-00004

Ex Parte: Electronic Service of Commission Orders

ORDER CONCERNING ELECTRONIC SERVICE OF COMMISSION ORDERS

The State Corporation Commission ("Commission") takes judicial notice of the ongoing public health emergency related to the spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19, and the declarations of emergency issued at both the state and federal levels.¹

Accordingly, the Commission takes the following action.

NOW THE COMMISSION HEREBY NOTIFIES parties to proceedings before the Commission that until May 15, 2020, unless such date is extended by Order of the Commission, pursuant to the Commission's authority under § 12.1-13 of the Code, the customary service of Commission Orders by means of paper copies to persons listed on docket service lists in the Commission's Case Management System ("CASE") shall be and is hereby suspended immediately with the entry of this Order. Service of Orders during this period shall instead be accomplished by e-mail, utilizing the e-mail addresses of parties to proceedings and counsel of record then available to the Commission, its Office of General Counsel, and the Clerk of the Commission. Further, filings made hereafter by parties to a Commission proceeding, or their counsel of record, shall include email addresses where such parties, or their counsel, can receive Commission Orders.

¹ See, for instance, Executive Order No. 51, Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Novel Coronavirus, COVID-19, issued March 12, 2020, by Gov. Ralph S. Northam.

During this period, parties and counsel of record in Commission dockets, are also advised to regularly monitor the Commission's on-line public CASE system at <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/docketsearch> for docket-related developments, including the entry of Commission Orders.²

IT IS SO ORDERED this 19th day of March 2020.

² The Commission also notes that under 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-10 *et seq.*, parties to proceedings before the Commission, together with Staff, may agree to electronic service of pleadings and other documents filed with the Commission.