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Maryland Department of Natural	*	Administrative Docket
Resources Power Plant Research	*	RM 97
Program's Proposed Standard DGPCN	*	
Requirements and Conditions	*	

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NOTICE INITIATING A RULEMAKING, OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT, AND RULEMAKING SESSION

On June 12, 2026,¹ the Maryland Energy Administration on behalf of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources' Power Plant Research Program ("PPRP") submitted proposed standard siting and design requirements and proposed standard licensing conditions for Distributed Generation Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity ("DGPCNs") pursuant to Public Utilities Article ("PUA") § 7-207.4(b)(1). Under the statute, PPRP was required to submit these proposed requirements and conditions to the Commission by July 1, 2026.

PPRP's filing includes a chart of proposed standard siting and design requirements, proposed standard license conditions, and a draft voluntary pre-DGPCN application. In addition, PPRP also discusses several implementation issues related to the Renewable Energy Certainty Act ("RECA"), identifies additional DGPCN process matters for consideration, and recommends that certain guidance documents be developed before the DGPCN regulations become effective.

¹ Maillog No. 331102.

PPRP recommends that the Commission follow an approach similar to the one used in Rulemaking 72 by first seeking stakeholder input before formal proposed regulations are developed and notes that an initial comment period would allow interested persons to identify areas of agreement, raise issues requiring additional consideration, and provide recommendations that could be incorporated into proposed regulations.

Accordingly, the Commission hereby initiates an Administrative Docket, RM 97, to consider amendments to Code of Maryland Regulations (“COMAR”) implementing the requirements of PUA § 7-207.4 and establishing regulations governing DGPCNs.

The Commission hereby invites interested parties to file comments regarding PPRP's proposed standard siting and design requirements, proposed standard licensing conditions, draft voluntary pre-DGCPN application, and any other matters relevant to the development of DGCPN regulations by August 4, 2026. Comments must be e-Filed using the Commission's e-File system,² include “RM 97” in the subject line, and be addressed to Andrew S. Johnston, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 16th Floor, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

The Commission further gives notice that it will conduct an in-person only rulemaking session on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, beginning 10 minutes after the conclusion of the Administrative Meeting, in the Frank O. Heintz Hearing Room, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 16th Floor, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. The purpose of the rulemaking session is to consider stakeholder input before formal proposed regulations are developed. If the

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

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/ Andrew S. Johnston

Andrew S. Johnston
Executive Secretary