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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

June 25, 2025

Nuclear Procurement Regulations \* Administrative Docket  
\* PC 71  
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**NOTICE CONVENING A PUBLIC CONFERENCE  
AND ESTABLISHING A NUCLEAR PROCUREMENT WORK GROUP**

During the 2025 legislative session, the Maryland General Assembly passed Senate Bill 937 (“SB 937”) / House Bill 1035 (“HB 1035”), known as the “Next Generation Act,” which was signed into law by Governor Wes Moore on May 20, 2025.<sup>1</sup> One focus area of the Next Generation Act was to incentivize nuclear development in the State through a Commission-run procurement process.<sup>2</sup>

Pursuant to statute, the Commission is required to develop regulations to effectuate the nuclear procurement process on or before July 1, 2027.<sup>3</sup> Additionally, the Commission is required to file a report with the General Assembly on or before January 15, 2026 addressing:

- (1) the status of developing regulations for the establishment and purchase of zero-emission credits in accordance with §§ 7-1217 and 7-1220 of the Public Utilities Article, as enacted by Section 3 of this Act; and
- (2) whether any legislative action is necessary to implement the zero-emission credit provisions in §§ 7-1217 and 7-1220 of the Public Utilities Article, as enacted by Section 3 of this Act.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Electricity and Gas – Emissions Reductions, Rate Regulation, Cost Recovery, Infrastructure, Planning, Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard, and Energy Assistance Programs, SB 937 (2025).

<sup>2</sup> See PUA § 7-1212 through 7-1221.

<sup>3</sup> PUA §7-1221.

<sup>4</sup> See uncodified Section 7 of the Next Generation Act.

Accordingly, the Commission hereby initiates Public Conference 71 (“PC 71”) for the use of collecting data and establishes a Work Group (“WG”) to propose regulations on Nuclear Procurement. The Commission appoints Samuel Beirne, the Commission’s Offshore Wind Program Manager, as the WG Leader. Participants shall email [samuel.beirnel@maryland.gov](mailto:samuel.beirnel@maryland.gov) by July 15, 2025, designating a representative to the WG.

The Commission directs the WG to file the report required by uncodified Section 7 of the Next Generation Act, which addresses the status of the development of the regulations and any necessary legislative changes to the statute, by December 6, 2025. The WG shall file the proposed regulations required by PUA §7-1221 no later than September 1, 2026. The WG Leader shall file their intended work plan 30 days after the issuance of this Order.

By Direction of the Commission,

*/s/ Andrew S. Johnston*

Andrew S. Johnston  
Executive Secretary