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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

November 14, 2013

NOTICE

**TO: ALL COMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES AS DEFINED IN THE MARYLAND STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE, §3A-501(c), ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DoIT)**

***Re: Universal Service Trust Fund – Revised Surcharge***

The State Finance and Procurement Article, §3A-506, Annotated Code of Maryland established a Universal Service Trust Fund to be funded by the collection of a surcharge from subscribers to a communications service<sup>1</sup> and other funds as provided in the State budget. The Fund is used to support the cost of a telephone message relay system for disabled individuals. The statute provides that the Maryland Public Service Commission (“Commission”) shall determine the surcharge annually.

On November 13, 2013, at its weekly Administrative Meeting, the Commission revised the Universal Service Trust Fund surcharge from \$0.18 to \$0.11 per month for each account.

By Direction of the Commission,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. Collins".

David J. Collins  
Executive Secretary

<sup>1</sup> “Communications service” means landline telephone service; wireless or cellular telephone service; or Voice over Internet Protocol Service (VoIP) (as defined in § 8-601 of the Public Utilities Article).