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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, *ex rel.*

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

CASE NO. BFI-2020-00006

*Ex Parte:* Certification of Critical Infrastructure  
Industry Workers – Financial Services

ORDER CERTIFYING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORKERS

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.<sup>1</sup> The Commission also takes judicial notice of the United States Department of Homeland Security, Department of Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency's Memorandum of March 19, 2020 ("CISA Memorandum").<sup>2</sup>

Accordingly, the Commission takes the following action.

NOW THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT to support the continued delivery of essential services in Virginia, the Commission hereby declares that the financial service sector workers who are necessary to continue delivering the following services shall be certified as critical infrastructure industry workers as referenced in the CISA Memorandum: (a) processing and maintaining for processing financial transactions and services, such as payment, clearing and settlement services, wholesale funding, insurance services, and capital market activities;

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<sup>1</sup> See, e.g., 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.

<sup>2</sup> Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response, from Christopher C. Krebs, Director, CISA.

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(b) providing consumer access to banking and lending services; (c) supporting financial operations; and (d) key third party providers who deliver core services. The purpose of this certification is to enable critical infrastructure service providers to receive priority status to obtain resources necessary to continue uninterrupted delivery of vital services to their Virginia customers. This designation is effective until further orders of the Commission.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 24th day of March 2020.

AN ATTESTED COPY HEREOF shall be sent by the Commission's Bureau of Financial Institutions to all of its regulated and licensed persons and entities.