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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, *ex rel*

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

CASE NO.: SEC-2020-00017

*Ex Parte*: Extension of Franchise Renewal Deadlines

ORDER EXTENDING FRANCHISE RENEWAL DEADLINES

The State Corporation Commission ("Commission") takes judicial notice of the ongoing public health emergency relating to the spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19, and the declarations of emergency issued at both the state<sup>1</sup> and federal levels, as well as the Order Declaring a Judicial Emergency In Response to COVID-19 Emergency issued by the Supreme Court of Virginia on March 16, 2020 ("Judicial Emergency Declaration"). Accordingly, the Commission takes the following action.

NOW THE COMMISSION, pursuant to the Judicial Emergency Declaration and § 13.1-561 of the Code of Virginia ("Code"), hereby ORDERS that, any franchise registered or exempted from registration under the Virginia Retail Franchising Act (§ 13.1-557 *et seq.* of the Code) but whose registration or exemption is due to expire while the Judicial Emergency Declaration is in effect ("Eligible Franchise"), is granted an extension of that registration or exemption for 21 days, or such other time period as may be subsequently ordered by this Commission or the Supreme Court of Virginia through any subsequent emergency order or declaration. The Commission notes that this Order functions only as an extension of the renewal deadline for Eligible Franchises, and not a registration or exemption waiver, and that all required

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<sup>1</sup> See Executive Order No. 51, Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Novel Corona Virus. COVID-19, issued March 12, 2020, by Governor Ralph S. Northam.

fees or other documentation necessary for renewal pursuant to the Code must be paid or submitted on or before any applicable extended renewal deadline.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 17th day of March, 2020.

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Clerk of the  
State Corporation Commission

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