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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, *ex rel.*

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

CASE NO.: SEC-2020-00018

Ex Parte: Extension of Trademark and Service Mark Renewal Deadlines

ORDER EXTENDING TRADEMARK AND SERVICE MARK RENEWAL DEADLINES

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 state¹ 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, hereby ORDERS that, any trademark or service mark registered under the Virginia Trademark and Service Mark Act (§ 59.1-92.1 *et seq.* of the Code of Virginia) but whose registration is due to expire while the Judicial Emergency Declaration is in effect ("Eligible Mark"), is granted an extension of that registration 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 Marks, and not a registration waiver, and that all

¹ 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.

required fees or other documentation necessary for renewal pursuant to the Code of Virginia 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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