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MEMORANDUM

To: Lisa J. Rowley

Chief Administrative Law Judge Virginia Employment Commission

From: Elizabeth B. Peay

Assistant Attorney General

Date: March 6, 2017

Subject: Letter of Assurance for Periodic Review of Regulations – Public Participation Guidelines [16]

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Pursuant to the Code of Virginia and Executive Order 17 (2014), a periodic review of a regulation every four years shall include an examination by the Office of the Attorney General to ensure statutory authority. In that regard, I have reviewed the Virginia Employment Commission's Regulations referenced above. In my view, as counsel to the Virginia Employment Commission, these regulations may be promulgated pursuant to § 60.2-111 of the Code of Virginia. The regulations do not appear to conflict with the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia, nor do they appeal to conflict with any federal or state law currently in effect.

This memorandum addresses legal matters only and is not intended to serve, nor should it be construed, as a comment for or against the merits of the proposed regulations.