

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY FOR )  
CHANGES IN THE ANCILLARY SERVICES ) PSC DOCKET NO. 04-54  
RATE COMPONENTS OF ITS STANDARD OFFER )  
SUPPLY CHARGES )  
(FILED FEBRUARY 13, 2004) )

**ORDER NO. 6371**

**AND NOW**, to-wit, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, A.D., 2004, Delmarva Power & Light Company ("Delmarva" or the "Company") having on February 13, 2004, filed the above-captioned Application with the Commission seeking approval to modify its electric ancillary service rates and for certain waivers of notice, filing, and bonding requirements;

**AND**, the Commission having determined, pursuant to 26 *Del. C.* §§ 303, 304, 306 and its prior Order No. 5941 in PSC Docket No. 01-194, that the proposed rates should be permitted to become effective for usage on and after March 15, 2004, with proration, and subject to refund pending evidentiary hearings and further review by the Commission; now therefore,

**IT IS ORDERED:**

1. That pursuant to 26 *Del. C.* §§ 301 and 305, the Application made by Delmarva Power & Light Company on February 13, 2004, for modification to its electric ancillary service rates be suspended and made effective as of March 15, 2004, with proration, subject to refund.

2. That public comment sessions be held in New Castle and Kent Counties in connection with Delmarva Power & Light Company's Application prior to the Commission's consideration of this matter. William F. O'Brien is designated as Hearing Examiner pursuant to the terms and provisions of 26 *Del. C.* § 502 and 29 *Del. C.* ch. 101 for the limited purpose of conducting the public comment sessions and summarizing the testimony for the Commission. James McC. Geddes, Esquire, is designated Rate Counsel for this matter.

3. That Delmarva Power & Light Company is hereby put on notice that it will be charged the costs incurred in connection with this proceeding under the provisions of 26 *Del. C.* §114(b)(1).

4. That Delmarva Power & Light Company shall give public notice of the filing of this Application and of the Commission action thereon by publishing notice in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A" in the legal classified section of The News Journal newspaper in two-column format, outlined in black, on the following dates: Wednesday, March 10, 2004, and Thursday, March 11, 2004. Proof of the publication to be provided to the Commission as soon as practicable but, not later than the Commission's consideration of this matter.

5. That the Commission will hear from the parties and deliberate on this matter at its meeting scheduled for May 18, 2004.

6. That the Commission reserves the jurisdiction and authority to enter such further Orders in this matter as may be deemed necessary or proper.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

/s/ Arnetta McRae  
Chair

/s/ Joshua M. Twilley  
Vice Chair

/s/ Joann T. Conaway  
Commissioner

/s/ Jaymes B. Lester  
Commissioner

/s/ Donald J. Puglisi  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Karen J. Nickerson  
Secretary

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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF FILING**

**TO: ALL ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS OF DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**

On February 13, 2004, Delmarva Power & Light Company filed an Application with the Delaware Public Service Commission ("Commission"). The Application requested a change in electric ancillary rates that has an aggregate effect of increasing annual revenues by \$13,085,903 or 2.4% as follows:

Rate Schedule	Revenue Increase	Increase as a Percentage of Total Electric Charges
"R"	\$2,985,409	1.9%
"RSH"	\$1,866,207	2.3%
"RTOU", "RTOU-ND"	\$ 2,905	2.1%
"SGS-S"	\$ 292,784	1.7%
"MGS-S"	\$1,790,532	2.2%
"GS-SH"	\$ 59,588	2.3%
"GS-WH"	\$ 1,117	3.0%
"LGS-S"	\$ 884,904	2.9%
"GS-P"	\$4,127,661	3.0%
"GS-T"	\$ 991,557	3.4%
OL/ORL	\$ 83,237	1.1%
TOTAL	\$13,085,903	2.4%

For a typical non-space heating residential customer using 750 kwh of electricity in a winter month, the effects of the proposed ancillary rate change would be an increase in the monthly bill from \$67.03 to \$68.29 or about 1.9%.

The Commission has suspended the rates for 30 days and will consider the request for proposed ancillary rate changes to become effective as of March 15, 2004, with proration, subject to refund after the holding of two public comment sessions. The Commission will consider this matter at its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 18, 2004. The Hearing Examiner will conduct two public comment sessions to be held at the following times and locations:

TIME	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
7:00 p.m.	March 23, 2004	Public Comment Session	3 <sup>rd</sup> Fl. Conference Room, Carvel State Office Building, Wilmington, DE
7:00 p.m.	March 24, 2004	Public Comment Session	Commission Offices, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Cannon Building, Suite 100, Dover, DE

Any person or group wishing to participate formally as a party in this docket (PSC Docket No. 04-54), with the right to submit evidence and to be represented by counsel must, in accordance with Rule 11, petition the Commission for and be granted leave to intervene in the proceedings in this docket by the Hearing Examiner. To be timely filed with the Commission, all such petitions must be filed with the Delaware Public Service Commission at 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Suite 100, Cannon Building, Dover, Delaware 19904 on or before March 31,

2004. Petitions received thereafter will not be considered except for good cause shown.

Copies of the Application, testimony, and attachments will be available for public inspection at the Commission's Dover office at the above address, or, by appointment, in the Division of the Public Advocate located on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Carvel State Office Building, 820 North French Street, Wilmington. Please call for an appointment at (302) 577-5077.

Individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in these proceedings or to review these filings may contact the Commission to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate such review or participation. Such contact may be in person, by writing, telephonically, by use of the Telecommunications Relay Service, or otherwise. The Commission Staff is available for questions concerning this Application and other documents. The Commission's toll-free telephone number within Delaware is 1-800-282-8574. The Commission can also be reached at (302) 739-4333 and that number should also be used for Text Telephone ("TT") calls. Inquiries can also be sent to the Commission by Internet e-mail to "janis.dillard@state.de.us."