

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF        )  
DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY FOR        )  
A CHANGE IN ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION        )     PSC DOCKET NO. 05-147  
SERVICE RATES                                )  
(FILED MAY 4, 2005)                         )

**ORDER NO. 6636**

**AND NOW**, to-wit, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D., 2005, Delmarva Power & Light Company having, on May 4, 2005, filed the above-captioned Application with the Commission seeking approval to modify its electric transmission 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 (Apr. 16, 2002) in Docket No. 01-194 that the proposed rates should be permitted to become effective for usage on and after June 3, 2005, 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 May 4, 2005, for modifications to its Electric Transmission Service Rates be suspended and made effective as of June 3, 2005, with proration, subject to refund and evidentiary hearings to be held at a later date.

2. That Ruth Ann Price is designated as Hearing Examiner for this docket pursuant to the terms and provisions of 26 Del. C. § 502

and 29 Del. C. ch. 101 to schedule and conduct such public evidentiary hearings as may be necessary to develop a full and complete record concerning this matter, and to report to the Commission proposed findings and recommendations based on the evidence presented. James McC. Geddes, Esquire, is designated Rate Counsel for this matter.

3. 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 Addendum to Exhibit "B" in two-column format, outlined in black in the legal classified sections of The News Journal and the Delaware State News newspapers on May 26, 2005, with proof of such publication to be provided to the Commission as soon as possible, but no later than the commencement of the evidentiary hearings concerning this matter.

4. That the waivers requested by Delmarva Power & Light Company, including that of a surety bonding requirement with respect to a rate increase are granted, subject to: a) the execution and delivery of a bond without sureties in substantially the form of such bond attached to the Application; and b) Delmarva Power & Light Company's commitment to provide information upon request that would otherwise be included as part of the Minimum Filing Requirements.

5. 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).

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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
/s/ Joshua M. Twilley  
Vice Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
/s/ Joann T. Conaway  
Commissioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
/s/ Jaymes B. Lester  
Commissioner

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/s/ Dallas Winslow  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
/s/ Karen J. Nickerson  
Secretary

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**RATE REFUND BOND WITHOUT SURETY**

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS that Delmarva Power & Light Company ("Delmarva" or the "Company"), a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware and the Commonwealth of Virginia, and subject to the condition expressed herein that the Commission issue an Order on May 24, 2005, in a form described below, is firmly bound and indebted to the State of Delaware in the penal sum of Six Million, One Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$6,176,575) lawful money of the United States of America, said sum to be paid to the State of Delaware, to which payment well and truly be made the undersigned bind Delmarva and its successors and assigns firmly these presents.

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2005, Delmarva filed an application for an increase in its electric transmission service rates for electric service in the State of Delaware with the Public Service Commission of the State of Delaware (the "Commission");

WHEREAS, and contingent on the issuance of an Order issued on May 24, 2005, permitting the proposed rates to be placed into effect on or after June 3, 2005, on a temporary basis, subject to refund, that requires Delmarva to submit this Refund Bond Without Surety as an

arrangement satisfactory to protect the interested parties in and to any refund which may be ordered with respect to the proposed interim rates; and

NOW THEREFORE, the condition of Delmarva's obligation hereunder is that, if the Company shall refund to the persons entitled to the amount of the excess, if the proposed rates are determined to be excessive, in the manner prescribed by the Commission or such court as may have jurisdiction in the matter, then the Company's obligation shall be void; otherwise, Delmarva's obligation hereunder shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Delmarva Power & Light Company has executed this Refund Bond Without Surety at Newark, Delaware on \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Corporate Officer

STATE OF DELAWARE                    )  
  )     SS.  
COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE            )

On this \_\_\_\_\_, 2005, personally came before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid [name], an officer of Delmarva Power & Light Company, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and the Commonwealth of Virginia, party to this Refund Bond Without Surety, known to me personally to be such, and acknowledged this Refund Bond Without Surety Application to be his act and deed and the act and deed of such corporation, that the signature of such President is in his own proper handwriting, and that the said Refund Bond Without Surety was duly authorized by resolution of the Board of Directors of said Corporation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[name]  
[title of corporate officer]  
Delmarva Power & Light Company

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF FILING**

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

On May 4, 2005, Delmarva Power & Light Company filed an Application with the Delaware Public Service Commission ("Commission"). The Application requested a change in electric transmission rates that has an aggregate effect of increasing annual revenues by \$6,176,575 or 1.1% as follows:

| SERVICE CLASSIFICATION                | PROPOSED INCREASE |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
|                                       | AMOUNT (\$000)    | PERCENT (%) |
| FIRM SERVICE                          |                   |             |
| "R" (inc. R-TOU, R-TOU-ND, R-TOU-SOP) | \$2,932           | 1.2%        |
| "SGS-ND"                              | \$ 392            | 1.9%        |
| "MGS-S"                               | \$1,431           | 1.6%        |
| "LGS-S"                               | \$ 637            | 1.8%        |
| "GS-P"                                | \$1,462           | 1.0%        |
| "GS-T"                                | \$ (633)          | -2.1%       |
| OL/ORL                                | \$ ( 45)          | -0.6%       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                          | <b>\$6,177</b>    | <b>1.1%</b> |

For a typical non-space heating residential customer using 750 kwh of electricity in the winter, the effects of the proposed transmission rate change would be an increase in the monthly bill from \$68.24 to \$69.51 or about 1.9%.

The Commission has suspended the rates for 30 days and will consider the request for proposed transmission rate changes to become effective as of June 3, 2005, with proration, subject to refund after evidentiary hearings and further proceedings to be presided over by a Commission Hearing Examiner.

Any person or group wishing to participate formally as a party in this docket (PSC Docket No. 05-147), 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, 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 June 15, 2005. Petitions received thereafter will not be considered except for good cause shown.

The Hearing Examiner will consider the Application, including any settlement that might be reached by the parties to the proceeding, in hearings to be held at the times and locations to be determined by the Hearing Examiner.

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 4th 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) 739-4247 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."