

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY)
FOR APPROVAL OF MODIFICATIONS TO) PSC DOCKET NO. 05-312F
ITS GAS COST RATES)
(OPENED AUGUST 31, 2005))

ORDER NO. 6711

This 6th day of September, A.D., 2005, the Commission determines and Orders the following:

1. Each year, Delmarva Power & Light Company ("DP&L" or "the Company") adjusts its Gas Cost Rates ("GCR") for the "application period" which runs from November 1st through the following October 31st. Pursuant to 26 Del. C. § 304, DP&L makes that GCR filing before September 1 of each year. The proposed GCR rates then become effective November 1 but subject to a "true-up" after further Commission review.

2. By letter dated August 29, 2005, DP&L has asked to move back the date for filing its 2005 GCR application for two weeks, until October 3, 2005. DP&L asks for this change in order to allow it to have time to assess what change in projected gas prices might occur due to Hurricane Katrina's recent ravage through the Gulf of Mexico and Louisiana. Such short delay, DP&L says, will allow the Company to better forecast future gas prices and, in turn, avoid the scenario of a present filing based on pre-storm forecasts only then to be followed by later applications for further modifications because of price changes driven by the hurricane's impact.

3. The Commission finds that DP&L has stated good cause for the slight delay in its filing. The Commission, therefore, for the year

