

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE MOTION OF )  
DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY )  
TO ESTABLISH A PROCEEDING TO ) PSC DOCKET NO. 06-91  
CONSIDER ON AN EXPEDITED BASIS )  
PLANS TO AMELIORATE SCHEDULED RATE )  
CHANGES (FILED MARCH 10, 2006) )

**ORDER NO. 6874**

**AND NOW**, to-wit, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D., 2006, Delmarva Power & Light Company ("Delmarva" or the "Company") having, on March 10, 2006, filed a motion requesting that the Commission open a proceeding for the purpose of considering plans to ameliorate the rate changes that are scheduled for May 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, Delmarva has outlined a phase-in plan in a presentation made to the Commission on February 28, 2006, and, in its motion, stated that it plans to file an application on March 15, 2006 to define its short-term "phase-in" proposal further and to request approval of such a program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cabinet Committee on Energy's Report (the "Cabinet Report"), issued on March 8, 2006, also contains short- and longer-run legislative proposals to address the issue of higher electricity prices in Delaware; and

**WHEREAS**, to have any effect by May 1, 2006, any proposal requiring a change in Delmarva's rates or tariffs will need to be considered by this Commission on an expedited basis; now, therefore,

**IT IS ORDERED:**

1. That the Commission opens this docket to consider phase-in proposals designed to ameliorate the rate increases scheduled for May 1, 2006.

2. That this proceeding will be retained by the Commission for deliberation, if appropriate.

3. That by issuing this Order, the Commission is not portending to have the legal authority to require a phase-in plan. The Commission enters this Order with the knowledge that the General Assembly may consider legislation that could require that a specific proposal be implemented. This docket is only opened for providing a vehicle for the implementation of any phase-in plan that may be required on short notice.

4. 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).

5. 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/ Joann T. Conaway  
Commissioner

/s/ Jeffrey J. Clark  
Commissioner

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/s/ Jaymes B. Lester  
Commissioner

/s/ Dallas Winslow  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Karen J. Nickerson  
Secretary