

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF COLLABORATIVE)
WORKSHOP(S) REGARDING DEMAND-SIDE)
MANAGEMENT OR DEMAND RESPONSE PROGRAMS) PSC DOCKET NO. 08-391
FOR DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY)
(OPENED NOVEMBER 21, 2008))
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ORDER NO. 7485

AND NOW, this 21st day of November, 2008;

WHEREAS, the Commission initiated Regulation Docket No. 59 to consider whether to implement a revenue decoupling mechanism for the electric and natural gas distribution utilities subject to its jurisdiction, consistent with the provisions of the settlement of Delmarva Power & Light Company's ("Delmarva") gas base rate case approved in Order No. 7152 (Mar. 20, 2007) in which it proposed a Bill Stabilization Adjustment. See PSC Order No. 7153 (Mar. 20, 2007). Simultaneously, the Commission opened Docket No. 07-28 to consider the "Blueprint For the Future Application and Plan" ("Blueprint"), submitted by Delmarva on February 6, 2007, that proposed, among other initiatives, demand-side management, advanced metering, and energy efficiency plans. See PSC Order No. 7154 (Mar. 20, 2007) (Regulation Docket No. 59 and Docket No. 07-28 are collectively referred to herein as the "Dockets");

WHEREAS, in January 2008, following certain workshops and the filing of comments by the parties and intervenors in the Dockets, Staff raised concerns regarding duplication of efforts in the Dockets and, accordingly, recommended that the parties from both Dockets

convene to discuss common issues and the viability of continuing both dockets. The Hearing Examiner granted this request, and the parties from both Dockets convened at a public workshop on March 17, 2008. On April 1, 2008, the parties submitted comments and recommendations to the Hearing Examiner regarding a path forward in consideration of Delmarva's Blueprint and revenue decoupling;

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2008, after holding a series of public workshops and reviewing written comments from the parties, the Hearing Examiner submitted her Findings and Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner (the "Report"), in which she recommended, among other things, that the Dockets be closed. The Hearing Examiner also made certain policy recommendations in the Report, including recommending that the Commission direct Delmarva, the Public Advocate, Staff, and any other interested parties to convene at a collaborative workshop to determine the viability of implementing any reasonable demand-side management or demand response programs in the near term.

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2008, following the submission of exceptions to the Report and oral argument, the Commission entered Order No. 7420, adopting the Report, including the above policy recommendation, and closed the Dockets.

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2008, Staff caused a notice to be published in the Delaware State News and The News Journal newspapers that the Commission Staff would conduct a workshop to receive a presentation from Delmarva relating to Delmarva's demand response programs (the "Workshop"). The notice provided that the Workshop was

