

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY)
FOR AN INCREASE IN ELECTRIC BASE) PSC DOCKET NO. 09-414
RATES AND MISCELLANEOUS TARIFF)
CHANGES)
(FILED SEPTEMBER 18, 2009))

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY)
FOR APPROVAL OF A MODIFIED FIXED) PSC DOCKET NO. 09-276T
VARIABLE RATE DESIGN FOR ELECTRIC)
RATES)
(FILED JUNE 25, 2009))

ORDER NO. 7681

AND NOW, this 3rd day of November, 2009:

WHEREAS, by Order No. 7641 dated September 9, 2009, the Delaware Public Service Commission (the "Commission") opened Docket No. 09-276T to examine the adoption of a modified fixed/variable rate design for Delmarva Power & Light Company's ("Delmarva" or the "Company") electric business, for implementation in Delmarva's next electric base rate case; and

WHEREAS, in Order No. 7641 the Commission specifically directed that upon the filing by Delmarva of an electric distribution service rate case, which was expected to occur in September 2009, this docket may (but need not) be combined with and folded into that rate case docket; and

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2009, Delmarva filed an application to increase its electric distribution service base rates and for other modifications to its electric distribution service tariff, which included a request for approval of a modified fixed/variable rate design for its electric distribution service; and

WHEREAS, by Order No. 7671 dated October 9, 2009, the Commission opened Docket No. 09-414 to consider Delmarva's application and suspended the implementation of Delmarva's proposed increased rates and modified tariffs pending completion of evidentiary hearings into the justness and reasonableness of the proposed new rates and tariffs; and

WHEREAS, since the issue of the appropriate revenue decoupling mechanism will be addressed in both Docket No. 09-276T and Docket No. 09-414, the Commission concludes that consolidating Docket No. 07-276T into Docket No. 09-414 will promote administrative efficiency;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF NO FEWER THAN THREE COMMISSIONERS:

1. That Docket Nos. 09-276T and 09-414 shall be consolidated.
2. That the issues that would have been addressed in Docket No. 09-276T shall be addressed in Docket No. 09-414.
3. That the caption for this consolidated docket going forward shall be as follows:

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COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A MODIFIED)
FIXED VARIABLE)
RATE DESIGN FOR ELECTRIC RATES)
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4. That all documents, pleadings and other filings shall be placed in the Commission's electronic filing system under Docket No. 09-414.

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

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

/s/ Arnetta McRae
Chair

/s/ Joann T. Conaway
Commissioner

/s/ Jaymes B. Lester
Commissioner

/s/ Dallas Winslow
Commissioner

/s/ Jeffrey J. Clark
Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Alisa Carrow Bentley
Secretary