

**A REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

1. A Regular Meeting was called to order by Chair Winslow in the Hearing Room, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware, on Tuesday, August 4, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners in attendance: Joann Conaway, Harold Gray, Mike Karia, and Kim Drexler.

The following Staff members were in attendance: Brenda Mayrack, Deputy Attorney General, James McC. Geddes, Esquire, Robert Howatt, Malika Davis, Donna Nickerson and Leda Banning.

2. Commissioner Karia motioned to approve the meeting minutes from the July 21, 2015 meeting; seconded by Commissioner Gray; the motion carried unanimously.
3. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Drexler to adopt the following Consent Agenda items:

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ARTESIAN WATER COMPANY, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE WATER SERVICES PURSUANT TO 26 *DEL. C.* §203C (FILED JUNE 11, 2015) – PSC DOCKET NO. 15-1034

Commission to consider Staff Memorandum and proposed Order No. 8772.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Conaway; the motion carried unanimously.

4. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DELMARVA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF MODIFICATIONS TO ITS GAS COST RATES (FILED AUGUST 29, 2014) – PSC DOCKET NO. 14-0295F

James McC. Geddes, Esquire, and Malika Davis appeared on behalf of Staff.

Regina Iorii, Esquire, appeared on behalf of the Division of the Public Advocate.

Pamela Scott, Esquire and Robert W. Wilmyer, Manager of Gas Operations, appeared on behalf of Delmarva Power & Light Company.

A motion was made by Commissioner Conaway and seconded by Commissioner Gray, to adopt Order No. 8767; motion carried unanimously.

A verbatim transcript was made of this proceeding.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF FCA US LLC TO ESTABLISH A NEW MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERSHIP (FILED MAY 28, 2015) – PSC DOCKET NO. 15-1022

Joseph Huston, Esquire of Stevens and Lee and Steven Blatt, Esquire of Bellavia Blatt & Crossett, PC appeared via teleconference on behalf of McGee Motors, Inc.

George W. Mykulak, Esquire of WilmerHale, LLP appeared via teleconference on behalf of FCA US LLC.

Regina Iorii, Esquire, appeared on behalf of the Division of the Public Advocate.

Brenda Mayrack, Esquire appeared on behalf of Staff.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray and seconded by Commissioner Conaway, to adopt Order No. 8771; the motion carried unanimously.

A verbatim transcript was made of this proceeding.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ISSUANCE OF LONG-TERM DEBT (FILED JULY 6, 2015) – PSC DOCKET NO. 15-1051

Brenda Mayrack, Esquire, and Clishona Marshall appeared on behalf of Staff.

Regina Iorii, Esquire appeared on behalf of the Division of the Public Advocate.

William Denman, Esquire, and Thomas Mann, Treasurer appeared on behalf of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Conaway and seconded by Commissioner Drexler to adopt Order No. 8770; the motion carried unanimously.

A verbatim transcript was made of this proceeding.

IN THE MATTER OF VERIZON DELAWARE LLC'S OBJECTION TO THE PRODUCTION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS IN RESPONSE TO A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST, FILED JUNE 9, 2015 AND AMENDED JUNE 25, 2015, BY THE COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO (FILED JULY 13, 2015)

Brenda Mayrack, Esquire appeared on behalf of Staff.

Regina Iorii, Esquire appeared on behalf of the Division of the Public Advocate.

Bonnie Metz, Esquire and Sherry Smith appeared on behalf of Verizon Delaware LLC.

A motion was made by Commissioner Conaway and seconded by Commissioner Karia, to reschedule until August 18, 2015; the motion carried unanimously.

A verbatim transcript was made of this proceeding.

5. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

IN THE MATTER OF REQUSET FOR APPROVAL OF STANDARD OFFER SERVICE RATES, PROCUREMENT COST ADJUSTMENT AND RARM FILING (FILED APRIL 1, 2015) – PSC DOCKET NO. 15-0889

Pamela Knotts appeared on behalf of the Public Service Commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Drexler and seconded by Commissioner Karia, to extend Liberty Consulting Group's contract; the motion carried unanimously.

A verbatim transcript was made of this proceeding.

Pamela Knotts briefed the Commission on a recent article in the Washington Post titled "Study: Pepco is the Country's worst utility at connecting solar power". According to a report by EQ Research, published in July 2015, the industry standard for interconnection is 25 days. The report cited BGE, an Exelon company, as taking 15 days in 2014 and by comparison Delmarva Power was 35 days.

In the past six months Staff has received inquiries and complaints on the length of time Delmarva Power & Light has taken to complete the final approved interconnection and the authorization to operate.

Solar installers have stated to Staff that it is taking weeks to get the meter exchanged to a net meter and weeks after that to get the final interconnection approved and authorization to operate.

Staff met with Delmarva Power and Light's personnel on June 16<sup>th</sup> and July 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss this issue. Delmarva Power & Light Company has informed Staff that they have implemented some short and long terms fixes and Ms. Knotts believes that Delmarva will brief the Commission on Interconnection Issues and their planned resolution on the upcoming August 18<sup>th</sup>'s Commission meeting.

Ms. Knotts also briefed the Commission on Delmarva Power & Light Company's new billing system Solution One.

Although not every account or every billing period was impacted some retail electric suppliers have been impacted by the roll out of Solution One and the interfaces. Staff

received information from a retail electric supplier concerning missing usage and missing payment issues from January 2015 on. Approximately 500 customers were impacted.

Staff met with Delmarva Power & Light Company on July 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss this issue and according to Delmarva they have not identified the exact cause. In Staff's meeting with Delmarva, the company did indicate they have not had wide spread system issues with Solution One; however, there have been some issues with third party supply billing.

Ms. Knotts also believes Delmarva Power & Light will review their Solution One billing issues at the upcoming August 18<sup>th</sup>'s Commission meeting.

Mr. Howatt announced that the workshop for Delmarva Power & Light Company's Balancing Fee ("GCR") took place earlier on August 4, 2015.

Mr. Howatt stated that Jason Smith agreed to change the workshop scheduled for August 18, 2015 at 9:30 A.M. for Delmarva Power & Light Company's Bill Transparency to accommodate the rescheduled time for the August 18<sup>th</sup>'s Commission meeting to be held at 10:00 A.M. instead of 1:00 P.M.

Mr. Howatt also announced the next Commission meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2015.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Donna Nickerson  
Secretary