

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE LEGISLATIVE)
PETITION FOR REVIEW AND)
RECOMMENDATIONS ON) PSC DOCKET NO. 13-250
DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY)
UTILITY BILL TRANSPARENCY)
(FILED JUNE 20, 2013))

ORDER NO. 8835

AND NOW, this 15th day of December, 2015;

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2013, Representative John Kowalko and State Senators Dave Lawson and Gary Simpson, on behalf of nineteen other members of the Delaware General Assembly, filed a Petition (the "Petition") requesting the Delaware Public Service Commission (the "Commission") to open a docket to review the appropriate level of detail contained in monthly billing statements prepared by Delmarva Power & Light Company ("Delmarva" or the "Company") and sent to its customers; and

WHEREAS, the Petition alleged that customers of Delmarva do not know how much they are being charged each month for various legislatively-mandated initiatives such as the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards, the Qualified Fuel Cell Provider ("QFCP") project, the Low Income Assistance and others; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's general authority under Title 26 of the Delaware Code provides it the right and responsibility to investigate any issue involving the transparency of charges associated with compliance with legislative mandates included in utility customers' bills; and

WHEREAS, at its regularly scheduled Commission Meeting on July 2, 2013, the Commission opened this docket for the purposes of conducting a review to determine the appropriate level of detail regarding the charges associated with legislative mandates that should be included on Delmarva customers' electric bills; and

WHEREAS, the Commission also ordered appropriate public notice of the opening of this docket and allowed interested parties to intervene in order to commence a working group to report back to the Commission on its recommendations regarding utility bill transparency related to Delmarva and its customer billing system; and

WHEREAS, the working group met on October 22, 2013, November 19, 2013, and April 10, 2014 to discuss the issues relating to the appropriate level of detail that should be included on Delmarva's monthly billing statements; and

WHEREAS, Delmarva presented at the April 10, 2014 workshop a proposal that would segment the docket into two phases proposing that initially, in Phase I that three (3) items, which had been previously included in the Distribution Charge of the customer's bill, be listed separately as: (1) the Low Income Charge (2) Green Energy Fund; and (3) Renewable Compliance Charges, with an implementation date of July 1, 2014, which the Commission approved in PSC Order No. 8556 (April 29, 2014); and

WHEREAS, Phase II of this docket required the parties to reconvene at a later date to determine which, if any, additional changes could be further broken out after Delmarva's conversion to

its new Solution One billing system; and

WHEREAS, Phase II of this docket has now been completed and we have received and considered the Case Manager's Memorandum of October 15, 2015 (the "Memorandum"), which sets forth: (1) the issues discussed at the two (2) workshops held in Phase II; (2) Delmarva's proposal that its customers' electric bill be further modified by language indicating that the components of the Renewable Compliance Charge (including the monthly QFCP¹ charge) would be available on the Delmarva's internet web page; and (3) the Case Manager's recommendation that the QFCP component not be further disaggregated as a line item from the Renewable Compliance Charges and no further changes be made to the customers' bill at this time; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has also received comments from some of the parties to the Phase II proceeding objecting to the Case Manager's recommendation and supporting, instead, the position that the QFCP included in the Renewable Compliance Charge should be shown on the customers' bill as a separate line item; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has duly considered the arguments made by the various parties on the issue of whether the QFCP monthly charge should be separately listed on Delmarva's customers' bills; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE
VOTE OF NOT FEWER THAN THREE COMMISSIONERS:**

1. That the Commission directs Delmarva to either: (a) break the existing Renewable Portfolio Compliance Charge into two line items on its electrical customers' bills -- one containing the monthly QFCP

¹ The Qualified Fuel Cell Provider (sometimes referred to as the Bloom charge).

charge, the other containing the remaining components of the Renewable Compliance Charge; or (b) add a one line descriptive note on the bill that separately identifies the monthly QFCP charge.

2. That the Commission further directs Delmarva to work out the details of these additional modifications to the customers' bill and report back to the Commission within 45 days of the date of this order with a recommended proposed draft of the revised bill for the Commission's further consideration.

3. That the Commission reserves the jurisdiction and authority to enter such further Orders in this matter as may be deemed necessary and proper.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chair

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary