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Delaware Public Service Commission
c/o Donna Nickerson, Secretary (Donna.Nickerson@state.de.us)
861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Suite 100
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Re: PSC Docket No. 15-1472: Request of Applicant to Cancel Evidentiary Hearing and Postpone Consideration of Application for Approval of 2016 Program for Procurement of Solar Renewable Energy Credits

Dear Commissioners and Secretary Nickerson,

The Staff of the Public Service Commission (“Staff”) supports the request of Delmarva Power & Light Company (“DPL”) to postpone consideration of DPL’s Application for Approval of its 2016 Program for Procurement of Solar Renewable Energy Credits and to cancel the evidentiary hearing scheduled for the Commission meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, at 1:00pm.

It is Staff’s understanding that no parties to this docket oppose DPL’s request.

As DPL noted in its December 4, 2015 letter and as Staff noted in its December 8, 2015 Memorandum, the Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control (“DNREC”) is in the process of promulgating regulations governing the Implementation of the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards Cost Cap Provisions (“Cost Cap Rules”), with final comments due just yesterday, on December 8, 2015. The Cost Cap Rules and resulting calculations will likely impact the Commission’s consideration of DPL’s Application. In the interest of efficiency, it is appropriate for the Commission to delay consideration of the Application until the Cost Cap Rules are final and to cancel the scheduled evidentiary hearing.

Furthermore, as the Commission may know from its consideration of prior applications, DPL’s Application is based in large part upon on the recommendations of the Renewable Energy Task Force (“RETF”). Although RETF has not taken a position on DPL’s instant request, several RETF members who are also parties to this docket, including DPL, Staff, and DNREC, all support

delaying consideration of the Application, and the Division of the Public Advocate, which is also an RETF member, does not oppose it.

At the appropriate time for Commission consideration of the Application, which will likely be in early 2016 after the adoption of the final Cost Cap Rules, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission order the requisite public notice of the rescheduled evidentiary hearing and allow additional opportunity for public comment.

Respectfully submitted,

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