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STATE OF DELAWARE  
LEGISLATIVE HALL  
DOVER, DELAWARE 19901

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION )  
INTO DELMARVA POWER AND LIGHT )  
BILL TRANSPARENCY ) PSC DOCKET NO.

**PETITION OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE JOHN KOWALKO, STATE  
SENATOR DAVE LAWSON, AND STATE SENATOR GARY SIMPSON  
SEEKING RELIEF ON BEHALF OF DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT  
CUSTOMERS REGARDING  
UTILITY BILL TRANSPARENCY**

COMES NOW, State of Delaware Representative John Kowalko, Senator Dave Lawson and Senator Gary Simson to request this honorable Commission to open a Docket to investigate on behalf of the customers of Delmarva Power & Light Company (“Delmarva” or the “Company”) the appropriate level of detail contained in Delmarva’s monthly billing statements to customers. In support of its Petition, I respectfully represents as follows:

**A. Preliminary Statement**

Delmarva customers do not know how much they are being charged each month for various legislatively mandated energy initiatives such as the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard, Bloom Energy, Low Income Assistance and others. Because these additional fees are not clearly disclosed on monthly billing statements, customers are in the dark regarding how much these various initiatives cost them. This leads to calls to my office from constituents, as well as calls to the Company and Commission Staff to respond to inquiries about these costs.

**B. Background**

Over the years the General Assembly has mandated certain fees be charged to Delmarva customers, either as a matter of good public policy (Low Income), environmental policy (Renewable Portfolio Standard), or as part of a larger economic development initiative

(Bloom). While these fees do serve a greater good, customers do not know how much of their monthly bill is dedicated to these various initiatives. None of these legislative initiatives specifically outlined how these fees would be reflected on customer bills, but I believe there certainly was an expectation that the fees would be clearly shown. The General Assembly, through Title 26 of the Delaware Code, has given this Commission broad power to enact rules and regulations regarding utility operations, and I would argue this is an appropriate action for this Commission to take.

**B. Need for Relief**

In order for Delmarva customers to clearly understand the financial impact of these various initiatives, their monthly bill must clearly state the cost of each one. This change would bring relief to my office, the Company, and the Commission Staff who have to address these questions frequently from Delmarva customers.

**F. Conclusion**

For the reasons set forth above, I request that the Commission enter an order in the form attached hereto, and for such other relief as the Commission deems just and proper.

Signed,

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State Senator  
15<sup>th</sup> District

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