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VIA E-MAIL

The Honorable Mark Lawrence
Hearing Examiner
Delaware Public Service Commission
861 Silver Lake Blvd., Ste. 100
Dover, DE 19904

Re: *PSC Docket No. 12-544*

Dear Mr. Examiner:

I write to you in connection with the captioned matter, and specifically with regard to your proposed February 28th schedule. I have spoken with representatives of the Company about it and ask that you consider suspending the proposed schedule for four months.

As you may be aware DPL's 2012 IRP is the product of many inputs, including several workshops held in 2012 by and between numerous interested parties. In addition, it is my understanding that the last IRP filed in 2010 was resolved through numerous workshops occurring over a multi - month period after the IRP was filed. Those post-filing workshops resulted in resolution of the issues and Commission ratification of that filing.

In your proposed schedule for the current IRP, you suggest that the parties/intervenors file written comments prior to having the opportunity to sit down and discuss informally with DPL any concerns or suggested improvements they may want to have the Company consider with respect to the filing. As in the last case, it may be possible to work those concerns out through amendments and/or changes to the filing. Unlike a rate case, which is more fact determinative, the IRP lends itself to informal discussion of its elements as part of a collaborative process to try and develop the best 10 year resource plan for Delaware's largest electric utility.

It would be Staff's hope that such an approach could be used in this filing and that the parties be granted several months to meet and discuss DPL's recently filed IRP, and then come to Your Honor with a specific proposal for moving the filing to a conclusion. Accordingly, we ask that the proposed procedural schedule be delayed for at least 4 months. Staff will endeavor to set up the workshops, report to Your Honor on them, and by June 1st submit a proposed schedule to conclude the docket. It is my understanding that Delmarva Power agrees with Staff's request.

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As always if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Respectfully,


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