

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION )  
FOR APPROVAL OF A CHANGE IN ITS )  
GAS SALES SERVICE RATES ("GSR") ) PSC DOCKET NO. 10-296F  
TO BE EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2010 )  
(Filed September 1, 2010)

ORDER NO. 7905

FOR ADMISSION AS AN INTERVENOR

AND NOW, this 25th day of Jan., 2011, pursuant to the authority granted to this Hearing Examiner pursuant to PSC Order No. 7849 dated September 21, 2010, and having considered The Petition of the Attorney General of the State of Delaware For Leave to Intervene Out-Of-Time ("the Motion");

NOW, THEREFORE,

1. The former Public Advocate of the State of Delaware, G. Arthur Padmore, had timely filed a Motion to Intervene in the above-captioned case on or about September 23, 2010.

2. According to 29 Del C. §8716(d) & (g), the Public Advocate has the statutory right to intervene before the Commission in this case involving natural gas rates.

3. The Public Advocate's office became vacant on or about December 31, 2010. The Governor has not yet named a replacement, which must also be confirmed by the Senate. (See Motion, §4.)

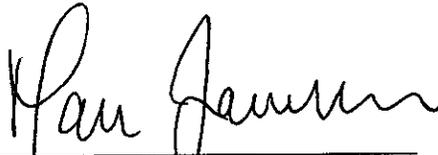
4. On January 24, 2011, the Delaware Attorney General's (DAG's) office filed the subject Motion to Intervene as a party. The DAG's Motion states the Attorney General's "participation in

the proceeding is in the public interest because the position of Public Advocate is vacant and the ... ratepayers' interests are not otherwise being represented." (See Motion, §5.) Thus, the DAG's office is seeking to intervene on behalf of Delaware's consumers. (Id.)

5. According to Rule 21(b) of the *Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Delaware Public Service Commission*, by delegation of authority from the Commission, I am permitted to permit a party to intervene after the intervention deadline "for good cause shown." I find that good cause has been shown.

6. Accordingly, the Motion is GRANTED.

BY ORDER OF THE HEARING EXAMINER:

  
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Mark Lawrence Hearing Examiner