

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF INTEGRATED RESOURCE)
PLANNING FOR THE PROVISISON OF STANDARD)
OFFER SERVICE OF DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT) PSC Docket No. 14-0559
COMPANY UNDER 26 DEL.C. §§1007(c) & (d))
(OPENED DECEMBER 16, 2014))

ORDER NO. 8722

FOR ADMISSION AS AN INTERVENOR

AND NOW, this 16th day of March, 2015, pursuant to the authority granted me in PSC Order No. 8694 dated December 16, 2014, this Hearing Examiner having considered the Petition for Leave to Intervene Out of Time ("the Petition") filed by the Mid-Atlantic Renewable Energy Coalition ("MAREC") on March 9, 2015, and there being no objection thereto filed by any party of record within seven (7) days;

NOW, THEREFORE,

1. The Petition is granted.

2. In PSC Order No. 8694, the Commission ordered that the deadline for filing petitions for intervention was February 23, 2015. (See Order, ¶8.)

3. Thus, MAREC's Petition to Intervene was filed out of time.

4. Pursuant to Rule 21(b) of the Commission's Rules of

Practice and Procedure:

(b) A petition to intervene shall be filed with the Commission no later than the date specified for the filing of such petitions in the public notice, or the initial hearing if no public notice is given. *Late Intervention may be sought and granted for good cause shown.*

5. MAREC argues that it has established good cause in Paragraph 7 of its Petition which states as follows:

7. The Commission set February 23, 2015, as the deadline for filing petitions to intervene. While MAREC submits this Petition to Intervene two weeks outside of the stated deadline, no party will be prejudiced by this insignificant delay. Indeed, MAREC suspects that there will be very limited movement in this matter until March 30, 2015, the date on which comments are due pursuant to the Commission's Order No. 8694, dated December 16, 2014. MAREC believes that there is good cause shown, especially in light of the pending merger application of Delmarva with Exelon Corporation and the significant potential impacts on renewable energy policy as a result of the potential merger. As indicated, no other party can adequately represent the interests of MAREC and its members in this proceeding.

6. In Paragraphs 1 and 4 of its Petition to Intervene, MAREC further describes the reasons why it should be permitted to intervene out of time as follows:

1. MAREC is a nonprofit coalition of wind energy companies, wind turbine manufacturers, public interest organizations, law firms, and service companies dedicated to promoting the growth and development of renewable energy, enhancing energy security, improving the environment, and boosting economic development in the Mid-Atlantic region. Primarily, MAREC works with state regulators to develop rules and supportive policies for renewable energy; provides education and expertise on the

environmental sustainability of wind energy; and offers technical expertise and advice on integrating variable wind energy resources into the electric grid.

4. MAREC has a substantial interest in this matter that is not adequately represented by the other parties in this proceeding. MAREC and its members are committed to significant growth in renewable energy technologies to support economic development in the region and helping to meet the aggressive legislature mandate for renewable energy through Delaware's renewable portfolio standard. MAREC is in the position of providing its experienced position on Delmarva's long term planning as it relates to renewables. No other participant in this proceeding has the same obligation to promote the development of clean energy resources in Delaware.

7. MAREC's petition raises a number of substantive issues in the docket which must be addressed.

8. By my granting its late intervention for good cause shown, MAREC is on notice that it must hereinafter comply with the Commission's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

/s/ Mark Lawrence
Mark Lawrence
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