

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
UNITED WATER DELAWARE INC)
FOR A GENERAL INCREASE IN RATES AND)
FOR REVISIONS TO ITS TARIFF) PSC DOCKET NO. 10-421
(Filed December 6, 2010)

ORDER NO. 7910

FOR ADMISSION AS AN INTERVENOR

AND NOW, this 2nd day of Feb., 2011, pursuant to the authority granted to this Hearing Examiner pursuant to PSC Order No. 7889 dated January 11, 2011, and having considered The Petition of the Attorney General of the State of Delaware For Leave to Intervene ("the Motion");

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

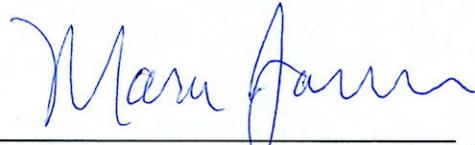
4. On January 31, 2011, the Delaware Attorney General's (DAG's) office filed the subject Motion to Intervene as a party. The DAG's Motion states the Attorney General's "participation in the proceeding is in the public interest because the position of Public Advocate is vacant and the ... ratepayers' 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. Accordingly, the Motion is **GRANTED**.

BY ORDER OF THE HEARING EXAMINER:



Mark Lawrence, Hearing Examiner