

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY FOR)
APPROVAL OF MODIFICATIONS) PSC DOCKET NO. 11-381F
TO ITS GAS COST RATES)
(FILED AUGUST 21, 2011))

ORDER NO. 8113

AND NOW, this 23rd day of February, 2012:

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2011, Delmarva Power & Light Company filed with the Delaware Public Service Commission (the "Commission") the above-captioned application seeking approval to modify its Gas Cost Rates effective on November 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2011, by PSC Order No. 8040, the Commission initiated this proceeding and, among other things, designated Ruth Ann Price as Hearing Examiner; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2012, Ms. Price resigned her position as Senior Hearing Examiner to become the Deputy Public Advocate; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF NOT FEWER THAN THREE COMMISSIONERS:

1. That Ruth Ann Price is removed as Hearing Examiner in this proceeding.

2. That pursuant to the terms of 26 *Del. C.* §502 and 29 *Del. Ch.* 101, Vincent Ikwuagwu, Public Utilities Analyst III, is designated as Hearing Examiner for this matter to schedule and conduct, upon due notice, such public comment sessions and evidentiary hearings, as may be necessary, to have a full and complete record concerning the justness and reasonableness of the proposed increased rates and tariff

modifications. Thereafter, Dr. Ikwuagwu shall file with the Commission his proposed order with recommended findings of fact, recommended conclusions of law, and recommended decision.

3. Pursuant to 26 *Del. C.* §102(A), the Commission delegates to Dr. Ikwuagwu the authority to determine any deadlines for filing objections or comments regarding Delmarva Power & Light Company's application seeking approval of proposed increased rates and tariff modifications and to determine the form and manner of any further public notice in this matter.

4. Pursuant to 26 *Del. Admin. C.* §1001-2.9.3, the Commission also specifically delegates to Dr. Ikwuagwu the authority to grant or deny any petitions seeking to intervene in this matter and for admission of counsel *pro hac vice*.

5. That the Commission reserves the jurisdiction and authority to enter such further Orders in this matter as may be deemed necessary or proper.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chair

/s/ Jaymes B. Lester
Commissioner

/s/ Joann T. Conaway
Commissioner

/s/ Dallas Winslow
Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Alisa Carrow Bentley
Secretary