

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY FOR)
AN INCREASE IN ELECTRIC BASE RATES) PSC DOCKET NO. 11-528
AND MISCELLANEOUS TARIFF CHANGES)
(FILED DECEMBER 2, 2011))

ORDER NO. 8114

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

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2011, Delmarva Power & Light Company filed with the Delaware Public Service Commission (the "Commission") an application seeking approval of: (a) an increase in its electric base rates; (b) approval of several new rate mechanisms; and (c) miscellaneous tariff changes; and

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2012, by PSC Order No. 8088, 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 James McC. Geddes is designated as Rate Counsel in this matter.

6. 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/ Joann T. Conaway
Commissioner

