

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION FOR )  
APPROVAL OF NATURAL GAS EXPANSION )  
SERVICE OFFERINGS ) PSC DOCKET NO. 12-292  
(FILED JUNE 25, 2012) )

ORDER No. 8213

FOR ADMISSION AS AN INTERVENOR

AND NOW, this 6th day of September, 2012, pursuant to the authority granted to me in PSC Order No. 8174 dated July 3, 2012, this Hearing Examiner having considered the Amended Petition for Leave to Intervene ("the Petition") filed by the Caesar Rodney Institute ("CRI") on September 4, 2012, and there being no objection thereto filed by any party of record;

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

1. The Petition is granted.
2. In PSC Order No. 8174, the Commission ordered that the deadline for filing petitions for intervention was August 10, 2012. (See Order, ¶6.)
3. Thus, CRI's Petition to Intervene was not timely filed. However, CRI has alleged that it did not receive notice of this filing until very recently and no party has opposed CRI's intervention.
4. In its Petition, CRI alleges that it, "has undertaken extensive research and publication of information to ensure Delaware

citizens have competitive energy rates..." (See CRI's Petition to Intervene, ¶2.) CRI's Petition also alleges that "seeks to review all case documents to ensure adequate protection for all ratepayers." (¶4.) Finally, CRI timely intervened in three (3) prior Commission rate cases and complied with the necessary deadlines. (*Id.* at ¶¶2,5.)

5. For purposes of considering the merits of CRI's Petition, I assume as true the representations made in CRI's Petition. Specifically, CRI has adequately alleged that it has particularized expertise and experience which may be valuable to the Commission in deciding the issues in this docket. Thus, CRI has satisfied the intervention requirements of Rule 21 of the Commission's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*.

Now, therefore, **IT IS ORDERED:**

1. Accordingly, the Petition for Intervention filed by the Caesar Rodney Institute ("CRI") is **GRANTED**.

2. CRI shall be added to the Service List for this Docket, as described in its Petition to Intervene.

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION**

/s/ Mark Lawrence

Mark Lawrence  
Hearing Examiner