

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY FOR A)
CHANGE IN NATURAL GAS BASE RATES) PSC DOCKET NO. 12-546
(FILED DECEMBER 7, 2012))

ORDER NO. 8334

AND NOW, this 18th day of March, 2013, pursuant to the authority granted to this Hearing Examiner pursuant to PSC Order No. 8297 dated February 21, 2013, 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 changes to natural gas base rates.
2. The Public Advocate's office became vacant on or about March 15, 2013. The Governor has not yet named a replacement, which must also be confirmed by the Senate. (See Motion, §4.)
3. On March 18, 2013, 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 consumers' interests are not otherwise represented ... and the position of Public Advocate

is currently vacant". (see Motion, §5.) Thus the DAG's office is seeking to intervene on behalf of Delaware's consumers.

4. Accordingly, the Motion is **GRANTED**.

BY ORDER OF THE HEARING EXAMINER:

/s/ Connie S. McDowell
Connie S. McDowell, Hearing Examiner