

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE NOTICE OF)
PROBABLE VIOLATION OF 26 DEL.)
ADMIN. C. §8001 AND ASSOCIATED) PSC DOCKET NO. 387-13
CIVIL PENALTIES ASSESSED TO)
CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION)
(OPENED JANUARY 8, 2013))

ORDER NO. 8358

AND NOW, this 23rd day of April, 2013, the Delaware Public Service Commission (the "Commission"), having considered the Petition of the Attorney General of the State of Delaware for Leave to Intervene (the "Petition"), determines and orders the following:

WHEREAS, according to 29 *Del. C.* §§8716(d) and (g), the Public Advocate has the statutory right to intervene before the Commission in this docket, which involves the Commission Staff's investigation of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation for potential pipeline safety violations; and

WHEREAS, the Public Advocate's office became vacant on or about March 13, 2013, and the Governor has not yet nominated -- nor has the State Senate confirmed -- a new Public Advocate; and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2013, the Attorney General of the State of Delaware, through his designee Deputy State Solicitor James Adams, filed the instant Petition, stating that the Attorney General's intervention in this matter is in the public interest because consumers' interest are not otherwise represented due to the vacancy of the Public Advocate's office; and

WHEREAS, the Petition further states that the Attorney General, in his role as *parens patriae*, is the lawful representative of the State's consumers of regulated public utility services and is the proper party to intervene on their behalf pending the appointment and confirmation of a new Public Advocate;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF NOT FEWER THAN THREE COMMISSIONERS that the Petition is GRANTED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

/s/ Dallas Winslow
Chair

/s/ Joann T. Conaway
Commissioner

/s/ Jaymes B. Lester
Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Alisa Carrow Bentley
Secretary