

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE LEGISLATIVE)
PETITION FOR REVIEW AND)
RECOMMENDATIONS ON DELMARVA POWER &) PSC DOCKET NO. 13-250
LIGHT COMPANY UTILITY BILL)
TRANSPARENCY (FILED JUNE 20, 2013))

ORDER NO. 8428

FOR ADMISSION AS AN INTERVENOR

AND NOW, this 30th day of July, 2013, pursuant to the authority granted to me in PSC Order No. 8403 dated July 2, 2013, this Acting Presiding Officer having considered the Petition for Leave to Intervene ("the Petition") filed by Mr. John Nichols on July 17, 2013;

NOW, THEREFORE,

1. The Petition is granted.
2. In PSC Order No. 8403, the Commission ordered that the deadline for filing petitions for intervention is August 9, 2013. (See Order, ¶6.)
3. Thus, Mr. Nichols' Petition to Intervene is timely filed.
4. In his Petition, Mr. Nichols alleges that he has, "unique knowledge of, and interest in, energy issues affecting Delaware." (See Mr. Nichols' Petition to Intervene, ¶2.) Mr. Nichols' Petition also alleges that his "intervention is in the public interest because of my in-depth knowledge of renewable energy legislation and initiatives..." (¶2). Finally, Mr. Nichols states that he does "not

believe my interests will be adequately represented by the parties to the proceeding..." (§2.)

5. On July 23, 2013, the Public Advocate, by and through his counsel, filed an Objection to the Petition filed by Mr. Nichols. The Public Advocate believes that the "several existing parties will adequately represent [Mr. Nichols'] interest." (See Objection of the Public Advocate, §3.) The Public Advocate believes he will represent Mr. Nichols' interest as he also "supports breaking out the cost of renewable energy and other legislative initiatives...on utility customers' bills and clearing disclosing on customers' bills the additional cost that such initiatives represent." (§3.) Further, the Public Advocate believes that since Caesar Rodney Institute ("CRI") has been granted Intervenor status by Order No. 8423 dated July 18, 2013, Mr. Nichols' interest will be represented additionally through CRI's participation in this proceeding. (§3.) Moreover, the Public Advocate maintains that "public interest does not require Mr. Nichols' participation as an Intervenor in this docket." (§4.) The Public Advocate believes that Mr. Nichols' should submit his written comments with the parties through public comment. (§4.)

6. For purposes of considering the merits of Mr. Nichols' Petition, I assume as true the representations made in Mr. Nichols' Petition. Accordingly, it is the Commission's practice to liberally grant Petitions to Intervene. Furthermore, this is an investigation and not a structured rate case and therefore different points of view are encouraged and Mr. Nichols may offer a viewpoint that may be helpful to the working group as this proceeding unfolds.

Additionally, Mr. Nichols has intervened previously in matters before the Commission. Specifically, Mr. Nichols has adequately alleged that he has particularized expertise and experience which may be valuable to the Commission in deciding the issues in this docket. Thus, Mr. Nichols 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 Mr. John Nichols is **GRANTED**.

2. Mr. Nichols shall be added to the Service List for this Docket.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

/s/ Jason Smith

Jason Smith
Acting Presiding Officer