

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF INTERGRATED RESOURCE)
PLANNING FOR THE PROVISION OF STANDARD) PSC DOCKET NO. 12-544
OFFER SERVICE BY DELMARVA POWER &)
LIGHT COMPANY UNDER)
26 *DEL. C.* § 1007 (c) & (d))
OPENED DECMEBER 18, 2012)

ORDER NO. 8574

AND NOW, this 8th day of July, 2014, the Delaware Public Service Commission ("Commission") determines and orders the following:

WHEREAS, 26 *Del. C.* § 1007 (c) (1) requires Delmarva Power & Light Company ("Delmarva" or the "Company") to conduct integrated resource planning; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 26 *Del. C.* § 1007 (c) (1), Delmarva's Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP") is required to systematically evaluate all available supply options (including procurement, generation, transmission, conservation and load management) over a ten-year planning period, and forecast the appropriate mix of such resources that will be utilized to meet the needs of its Standard Offer Service ("SOS") customers, at minimal cost and without sacrificing adequate reliability; and

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2012, Delmarva filed its IRP pursuant to its statutory obligation; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2012, in Order No. 8259, the Commission opened this docket to perform its oversight and review of the IRP, and appointed a Hearing Examiner to make findings and recommendations on Delmarva's proposed IRP; and

WHEREAS, the Commission Staff ("Staff"), the Division of the Public Advocate (the "DPA"), the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control ("DNREC"), the Mid-Atlantic Renewable Energy Coalition ("MAREC"), Sierra Club of Delaware, Calpine and the Caesar Rodney Institute (collectively, the "Parties") intervened or otherwise participated in the proceedings; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2013, pursuant to the Parties' request that they be permitted to conduct working group meetings to discuss the IRP, the Hearing Examiner suspended the filing dates for comments required in Order No. 8259; and

WHEREAS, on April 10, May 1, May 14, June 3 and July 31, 2013, the Parties conducted five (5) technical working group meetings regarding the issues raised by various parties, which meetings were publically noticed on the Commission's agenda; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the schedule established in this Docket, on September 16, 2013, the Parties filed their respective comments on the IRP, and Delmarva filed its responses to those comments on October 16, 2013; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, the Hearing Examiner asked Delmarva to summarize the results of the various working group meetings, which was provided to the Hearing Examiner on April 29, 2014, and along with the Parties' filed comments, was summarized by the Hearing Examiner in his June 2, 2014 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendations; and

WHEREAS, since no settlement was proposed by the Parties, and the Hearing Examiner assumed that the Parties would make oral

presentations to the Commission, he made no specific recommendations concerning the IRP, concluding only that there was ample evidence that the requirements for public investigation and comment had been satisfied under 26. *Del. Admin. C.* § 3010.9.2; and

WHEREAS, the Commission met in public session on June 26, 2014, to hear the Parties' comments and conduct deliberations on the issues summarized in the Hearing Examiner's Report; and

WHEREAS, Delmarva stated that it had reviewed the comments received from the Staff, DPA, DNREC, CRI, MAREC and Delaware's Sustainable Energy Utility ("SEU") and indicated that it would address those comments, including but not limited to the concern expressed by MAREC and other parties regarding the inclusion of a 15% energy savings goal in the next IRP, which all Parties agreed was not achievable in the immediate future;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE
VOTE OF NOT FEWER THAN THREE COMMISSIONERS:**

1. The Commission ratifies the IRP appended as Exhibit "A" to the Hearing Examiner's Report, as filed in compliance with the Electric Utility Retail Customer Supply Act of 2006 ("ERUCSA"), 26 *Del. C.* § 1001 *et seq.* and 26 *Del. Admin. C.* §3010.

2. 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:

/s/ Dallas Winslow
Chair

/s/ Joann T. Conaway
Commissioner

/s/ Jaymes B. Lester
Commissioner

/s/ Jeffrey J. Clark
Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Alisa Carrow Bentley
Secretary