

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE TARIFF FILING)
OF CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION)
FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW RATE SCHEDULE) PSC DOCKET NO. 14-0495
"TFFF" CALLED TOWN OF FREDERICA)
FRANCHISE FEE RIDER)
(FILED OCTOBER 31, 2014))

ORDER NO. 8677

AND NOW, this 4th day of December, 2014, the Public Service Commission (the "Commission") determines and orders the following:

WHEREAS, on October 31, 2014, Chesapeake Utilities Corporation ("Chesapeake" or the "Company") filed with the Commission (the "Commission") an application seeking approval of a new rate schedule called Town of Frederica Franchise Fee Rider ("TFFF") and relating to a proposed surcharge to be assessed against the Company's gas customers within the Town of Frederica; and

WHEREAS, the proposed TFFF surcharge of \$0.010 per Ccf of delivered gas is meant to mirror the volumetric franchise fee imposed upon the Company by the Town of Frederica under a franchise agreement adopted by the Town of Frederica on July 17, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Company has requested that the Commission consider the tariff changes implementing the TFFF surcharge so that such changes and the surcharge will be effective no later than January 1, 2015;¹

¹ After filing the application, it was determined between Staff and the Company that in order to satisfy public notice requirements that this matter could not be before the Commission prior to January 1, 2015. As a result, for billing purposes, the requested effective date for implementing the tariff changes and the TFFF surcharge has been changed to February 1, 2015.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE
OF NO FEWER THAN THREE COMMISSIONERS:**

1. Pursuant to 26 Del. C. §306(a)(1), the tariff changes proposed by Chesapeake in its application filed October 31, 2014, which seeks to implement a TFFF surcharge to be assessed against Chesapeake's gas subscribers within the Town of Frederica, are hereby suspended pending further Order of the Commission.

2. The Commission will consider the tariff changes to implement the TFFF Rider surcharge as proposed by Chesapeake at the Commission's regularly-scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, beginning at 1:00 P.M.

3. Chesapeake shall publish the public notice attached as **Exhibit "A"** in two column format, outlined in black, in the legal classified sections of The News Journal and Delaware State News newspapers on or before December 11, 2014. Chesapeake shall also file proof of such publications with the Commission on or before the date of the evidentiary hearing in this matter.

4. Chesapeake is hereby advised that the cost of this proceeding will be charged to it under the provisions of 26 Del. C. §114(b) (1).

5. The Commission reserves the jurisdiction and authority to enter such other or further Orders in this matter as may be deemed necessary or proper.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

/s/ Dallas Winslow
Chair

/s/ Harold B. Gray
Commissioner

/s/ Jaymes B. Lester
Commissioner

/s/ Jeffrey J. Clark
Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Alisa Carrow Bentley
Secretary

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P U B L I C N O T I C E

**TO: ALL NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS OF CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION
AND, IN PARTICULAR, THOSE WITHIN THE TOWN OF FREDERICA, AND OTHER
INTERESTED PERSONS**

On October 31, 2014, Chesapeake Utilities Corporation ("Chesapeake" or the "Company") filed with the Public Service Commission (the "Commission") an application requesting permission to change its gas service tariff to implement a Town of Frederica Franchise Fee Rider ("TFFF") surcharge to be assessed against Chesapeake's gas customers within the Town of Frederica. The TFFF surcharge, in the amount of \$0.010 per Ccf of delivered gas, would mirror the volumetric franchise fee that the Town of Frederica imposes on Chesapeake under a franchise agreement adopted by the Town of Frederica on July 17, 2013. The surcharge would be applied only to Chesapeake's customers within the Town of Frederica.

On December 4, 2014, the Commission suspended the proposed surcharge until further Order of the Commission. The Commission will consider whether to grant Chesapeake's application for this surcharge at its regularly-scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2014, commencing at 1:00 P.M. The meeting will be held in the

Commission's office located at 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Cannon Building, Suite 100, Dover, Delaware 19904. The Commission will render a decision based upon the evidence presented to it at this meeting.

If you wish to formally participate as a party in this matter, with the right to present evidence and be represented by counsel, you must file with the Commission a written petition asking for leave to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (26 Del. Admin. C. §1001-2.9) **on or before Wednesday, December 31, 2014**. All such petitions should be e-filed according to the Commission's Rules (26 Del. Admin. C. §1001-1.6.4). Petitions filed after the deadline of December 31, 2014, will not be considered except for good cause shown.

If you wish, you may file written comments concerning this application **on or before Wednesday, December 31, 2014**. Any written comments should be filed with the Commission at its Dover address set forth above or by Internet e-mail addressed to jason.r.smith@state.de.us.

You are invited to review Chesapeake's application and supporting documents to determine how your interests may be affected by going to DelaFile (<http://delafile.delaware.gov>), the Commission's file management system, and by searching for Docket No. 14-0495.

If you would like to review documents at the Commission's offices, please contact Alisa Bentley at alisa.bentley@state.de.us to arrange a time for your review. You may also review copies of Chesapeake's application and supporting documents at the office of the

Division of the Public Advocate located at 29 South State Street, Dover, DE 19901. Please call (302) 241-2555 to arrange for a time to review the documents at that location.

If you wish to request copies of documents in this matter, please submit a Freedom of Information Act Request Form. The link to this form can be found on the Commission's website, <http://dep.sc.delaware.gov>, or by visiting this web address <https://delafile.delaware.gov/Complaints/FOIA.aspx>. The Commission will respond to your request in accordance with the Delaware Freedom of Information Act, 29 Del. C. ch. 100.

If you have a disability and wish to participate or to review the materials in this matter, please contact the Commission to discuss any auxiliary aids or services you might need to help you. You may contact the Commission in person, by writing, by telephone (including text telephone), by Internet e-mail, or other means.

If you have questions about this matter, you may call the Commission at 1-800-282-8574 (toll-free in Delaware) or (302) 736-7500 (voice and text telephone). You may also send questions regarding this matter by Internet e-mail addressed to jason.r.smith@state.de.us.