

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF INTEGRATED RESOURCE )  
PLANNING FOR THE PROVISION OF STANDARD )  
OFFER SERVICE OF DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT ) PSC Docket No. 14-0559  
COMPANY UNDER 26 DEL.C. §§1007(c) & (d) )  
(Opened December 16, 2014) )

ORDER NO. 8716

FOR ADMISSION AS AN INTERVENOR

**AND NOW**, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015, pursuant to the authority granted to me in PSC Order No. 8694 dated December 16, 2014, this Hearing Examiner having considered the Petition for Leave to Intervene ("the Petition") filed by Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control ("DNREC") on February 18, 2015, and there being no objection thereto filed by any party of record;

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

1. The Petition is granted.
2. In PSC Order No. 8694, the Commission ordered that the deadline for filing petitions for intervention was February 23, 2015. (See Order, ¶8.)
3. Thus, DNREC's Petition to Intervene was timely filed.
4. In Paragraphs 2, 4, 5 and 6 of its Petition to Intervene, DNREC describes the reasons why it should be permitted to intervene as follows:

2. DNREC is an agency of the State of Delaware, created pursuant to 29 Del.C. §8001, *et seq.* DNREC's mission "is to ensure the wise management, conservation and enhancement of the State's natural resources, protect public health and the environment, provide quality outdoor recreation, improve the quality of life and

educate the public on historic, cultural and natural resource use, requirements and issues.”

4. Delmarva Power & Light Company seeks approval of its 2015 IRP. The docket involves policy issues of interest to DNREC Division of Energy & Climate. The IRP includes discussion and analysis of renewable energy, energy efficiency, environmental impacts and externality benefits - topics involving DNREC's statutory responsibilities. Additionally, the Public Service Commission requires consultation from DNREC in Title 26, Chapter 3010, Section 9.2 of the Delaware Administrative Code: "The Commission shall seek input from DNREC on the issue of externalities and environmental benefits due to emissions, as a result of the proposed IRP." 29 DEL. ADMIN.CODE § 3010-9.2.

5. DNREC's interest will not be adequately represented by any of the other parties to this proceeding. DNREC Division of Energy & Climate has statutory responsibility for the management and development of energy and renewable energy in Delaware. In that respect, no other participant in this proceeding has the same obligation to promote the development of clean energy resources in Delaware.

6. DNREC's participation in the proceeding will be in the public interest. The public relies upon DNREC's Division of Energy & Climate to provide guidance and expertise in understanding the environmental risks and benefits of Delaware's energy supply. DNREC has intervened in similar dockets, PSC Docket No. 10-2 and PSC Docket No. 12-544, Delmarva Power & Light Company's previous IRP proposals.

5. DNREC's petition raises a number of substantive issues in the docket which must be addressed.

6. By my granting its intervention, DNREC is on notice that it must comply with the Commission's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

/s/ R. Campbell Hay  
for Mark Lawrence  
Mark Lawrence  
Senior Hearing Examiner