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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Commission

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SUBJECT: COMPLIANCE FILING IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF QUALIFIED FUEL CELL PROVIDER PROJECT TARIFFS (FILED JANUARY 29, 2015) – PSC DOCKET NO. 15-0664

On July 7, 2011, the Governor of the State of Delaware signed into law Amendments (the “Amendments”) to the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards Act (the “REPSA”) that added Delaware-manufactured fuel cells to the REPSA and allowed energy output from such fuel cells to be considered a resource eligible to fulfill a portion of a Delaware Public Service Commission-regulated electric company’s renewable energy credit requirements under REPSA.

The Amendments created a regulatory framework whereby the Commission-regulated electric company, Delmarva Power & Light Company (“Delmarva”), and the Qualified Fuel Cell Provider (“QFCP”)¹ will jointly submit tariffs that enable and obligate Delmarva, as the agent for collection and disbursement, to collect from its customers a non-bypassable charge (“QFCP-RC Charge”) for costs incurred for incremental site preparation, filing, administrative and other costs incurred by the QFCP. The QFCP-RC Charge is reduced by compensation to the Qualified Fuel Cell Provider Project (“QFCPP”) for any revenues received from PJM or its successors at law from the output of the QFCPP.

On August 19, 2011, in PSC Docket No. 11-362, Delmarva filed an application for approval of a new electric tariff for Service Classification QFCP-RC (“Electric Tariff”) and a new gas tariff for Service Classification LVG-QFCP-RC pursuant to the Amendments. On October 18, 2011, the Commission issued Order No. 8062 which approved this tariff filing. On December 1, 2011, the Commission signed Order No. 8079, which, among other things, adopted Order No. 8062. Pursuant to the Electric Tariff, Delmarva is serving in its mandatory role as a collection agent for the QFCP. In compliance with the Electric Tariff, Delmarva will provide monthly filings to account for the varying QFCP-RC Charge.

On April 2, 2012, Delmarva submitted its first monthly filing (“Compliance Filing”) as required by its Commission-approved Electric Tariff filed in PSC Docket No. 11-362. By Order No. 8136, the Commission permitted the May 2012 QFCP-RC Charge to take effect and required Delmarva to provide

¹ All references to capitalized terms are set forth in 26 *Del. C.* §352.

to Staff, with each future Compliance Filing under the REPSA, all documents that Staff requested from Delmarva as part of its review of the prior Compliance Filing.

On January 29, 2015, Delmarva submitted its thirty-fifth filing (true-ups) of the December billing revenues, December PJM revenues, and December operational costs included in the QFCP-RC Charge. The rates for each customer classification are provided below:

March 2015 QFCP-RC Charge		
Service Classification	\$ per kWh	Change from Previous Month
Residential	0.004255	\$ (0.000060)
Residential – Space Heating	0.004255	\$ (0.000060)
Residential Time-of-Use "R-TOU"	-	-
Residential Time-of-Use NON-Demand "R-TOU-ND"	0.004255	\$ (0.000060)
Small General Service - Secondary Non-Demand "SGS-ND"	0.004255	\$ (0.000060)
Space Heating Secondary Service "SGS-ND" and "MGS-S"	0.004255	\$ (0.000060)
Water Heating Secondary Service "SGS-ND" and "MGS-S"	0.004255	\$ (0.000060)
Outdoor Recreational Lighting Svc - Secondary "ORL"	0.004255	\$ (0.000060)
Medium General Service - Secondary "MGS-S"	0.004255	\$ (0.000060)
Large General Service - Secondary "LGS-S"	0.004255	\$ (0.000060)
General Service - Primary "GS-P"	0.004140	\$ (0.000059)
General Service - Transmission "GS-T"	0.004074	\$ (0.000058)
Outdoor Lighting PL	0.004255	\$ (0.000060)
Outdoor Lighting SL	0.004255	\$ (0.000060)

26 *Del. C.* §364 (d) (4) provides as follows: **“Notwithstanding § 306 of this title or any other provision of the Delaware Code to the contrary, any changes in rates or charges necessary to collect funds for disbursements or costs addressed in subsections (a)-(c) of this section through adjustable non-bypassable charges shall become effective 30 days after filing, absent a determination of manifest error by the Public Service Commission. The Commission may allow changes in rates or charges related to such adjustable non-bypassable charges to become effective less than 30 days after filing under such conditions as it may prescribe.”**

Delmarva has developed communications on renewable energy and alternative energy, including bill inserts and talking points for Delmarva call center employees. Detailed information on the Qualified Fuel Cell Provider Project can be found in Delmarva’s Electric Tariff (QFCP-RC Leaf No. 74 -74r).

Staff performed a review of the calculations and the QFCP-RC Charge provided in the Compliance Filing submitted January 29, 2015, and did not find any manifest errors. Staff notes that the \$250 minor billing error related to administrative costs identified in last month’s filing was corrected.² Therefore, Staff recommends that the March 2015 QFCP-RC Charge be permitted to take effect for bills issued by Delmarva to its customers between March 2, 2015, and March 31, 2015.

Attachment A: QFCP-RC Charge - All Months

² The minor \$250 billing error from the December 2014 filing, PSC Docket No. 14-0598, made by Delmarva was credited to “Administrative and Other O&M Charges” in the December operational cost true-up.