The Delaware Public Service Commission has received several inquiries recently regarding electric suppliers. Below are some tips and information for choosing an electric supplier:

1. Beginning in late 2000 a Delaware law was signed giving electric choice to customers of Delmarva Power and Delaware Electric Cooperative. This means customers of the Delaware Electric Cooperative and Delmarva Power now have a choice regarding which company will provide their electric energy supply (distribution of electric will still remain with the respective utility). By shopping and comparing prices, you may be able to save money, choose innovative services, or buy more environmentally friendly power.

2. If you are solicited in person or by phone to change your electric supplier, and have questions regarding the electric supplier or their rates, ask the representative to mail information to you or provide a telephone number where you can call to obtain more information. You can also visit the Delaware Public Service Commission website to see a list of certified electric suppliers in Delaware.

3. Beware of phone phishing schemes. Do not divulge personal information over the phone unless you initiate the call or you feel the information is being obtained for a legitimate purpose. If you believe you are a victim of a phishing scheme, contact the Delaware Department of Justices’ Consumer Protection Division at 302-577-8600 (New Castle), 302-739-7641 (Kent) or 302-856-5353 (Sussex County) or online at http://attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/consumers/protection/complaint.shtml.

4. Before switching, the Consumer Energy Education Group (CEEG) has created a list of questions to ask potential electric suppliers.

5. Contact the Commission or your Electric Company with any questions.