

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF)	
REGULATIONS GOVERNING)	
ADMINISTRATION OF THE ELECTRIC)	
AND NATURAL GAS UTILITY)	PSC REGULATION DOCKET
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT)	NO. 64
CHARGE PROVIDED FOR IN)	
26 <i>DEL. C.</i> § 315)	
(OPENED OCTOBER 9, 2018))	

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON PROPOSED REGULATIONS CONCERNING
ADMINISTRATION OF THE ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS UTILITY DISTRIBUTION
SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT CHARGE APPLICABLE TO ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS
DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE DELAWARE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

The Delaware General Assembly has enacted legislation pursuant to which electric distribution and natural gas distribution utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the Delaware Public Service Commission (the "Commission") may file, on a semiannual basis, proposed rate schedules establishing a Distribution System Improvement Charge ("DSIC") rate that provides such utilities the opportunity to recover the cost of new, used and useful utility plant that meets certain eligibility criteria. See 26 *Del. C.* § 315 (Electric and Natural Gas Utility Distribution System Improvement Charge). The legislation further provides that the Commission may adopt rules and regulations to administer the DSIC so long as those rules and regulations are not inconsistent with the Public Utilities Act of 1974.

The Commission has promulgated proposed regulations to implement and administer the DSIC (the "Proposed Regulations"), 26 *Del. Admin. Code* ch. 1010. The Proposed Regulations establish filing deadlines for DSIC applications; effective dates of new DSIC rates; requirements for

filing a DSIC application; a review and approval process; and annual reconciliation and audit procedures.

The Commission has the authority to promulgate the Proposed Regulations pursuant to 26 *Del. C.* §§ 209(a), 315(d), and 29 *Del. C.* ch. 101.

The Commission hereby solicits written comments, suggestions, and compilations of data, briefs, or other written materials concerning the Proposed Regulations. Anyone submitting any written materials must email such materials to Joshua Bowman at Joshua.Bowman@state.de.us on or before **December 1, 2018**.

Any public hearing conducted by the Commission will be duly noticed in accordance with 29 *Del. C.* §§ 10115(b).

Copies of the Proposed Regulations may be obtained from the Commission office at 861 Silver Lake Blvd, Suite 100, Dover, DE 19904. The Proposed Regulations will also be available on the Commission's website: <https://depsc.delaware.gov/>.

Any individual with disabilities who wishes to review submissions or to participate in this docket should contact the Commission to discuss any auxiliary aids or services to facilitate such review or participation. Such contact may be in person, in writing, by telephone or otherwise. The Commission's toll-free telephone number in Delaware is (800) 282-8574. You may also make inquiries by voice telephone at 302-736-7500 or by internet email at Joshua.Bowman@state.de.us.

