ORDER NO. 90240

Delmarva Power & Light Company's Application for an Electric Multi-Year Plan

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF MARYLAND

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CASE NO. 9681

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Issue Date: May 20, 2022

ORDER INITIATING DOCKET, SUSPENDING TARIFF REVISIONS, AND SCHEDULING PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

On May 19, 2022, Delmarva Power & Light Company ("DPL") submitted to the Public Service Commission ("Commission") an Application for Adjustment to its Retail Rates for the Distribution of Electric Energy and to implement a multi-year plan ("MYP") ("Application"), along with supporting testimony and schedules. In addition to the Application, the Company also filed data supporting its filing and general filing requirements. DPL has requested authority to address claimed revenue deficiencies of \$22.7 million for the 12 months ended December 31, 2023, \$30.6 million for the 12 months ended December 31, 2024, and \$37.5 million for the 12 months ended December 31, 2025. The Company's proposal includes the acceleration of certain tax benefits during the first two years of the MYP, resulting in 50% offsets in 2023 and 25% offsets in 2024. The proposed cumulative rate increase in 2023 after offsets is \$11.3 million, and \$22.9 million after offsets in 2024. The impact of the requested distribution rate increase

on the typical residential Standard Offer Service customer using 1,004 kWh per month is \$3.42 and \$3.50 per month for rate years one and two, respectively. For rate year three, the per-month increase is \$4.37. The total bill increases are 2.11%, 2.11%, and 2.58% for rate years one, two, and three, respectively.

A prehearing conference in this matter is hereby set for Wednesday, June 15, 2022, 10 minutes after the conclusion of the Administrative Meeting, which begins at 10:00 a.m., in the Frank O. Heintz Hearing Room, on the 16th Floor of the William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland. The purpose of the hearing is to set a procedural schedule, consider any petitions to intervene that have been filed, and consider any other preliminary matters requested by the parties. Petitions to intervene shall be filed by Monday, June 13, 2022. Furthermore, discovery commences immediately for DPL, the Commission's Technical Staff, and the Maryland Office of People's Counsel.

IT IS, THEREFORE, this 20th day of May in the year Two Thousand Twenty Two, by the Public Service Commission of Maryland,

ORDERED: (1) That proceedings to consider the Application and the justness and reasonableness of the proposed rates, terms, and conditions of the tariff revisions are hereby instituted by the Commission;

(2) That, pursuant to Public Utilities Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, § 4-204, the tariff revisions filed by Delmarva Power & Light Company are suspended for an initial period of 150 days from June 18, 2022;

- (3) That discovery commences immediately for Delmarva Power & Light Company, the Commission's Technical Staff, and the Maryland Office of People's Counsel;
- (4) That Delmarva Power & Light Company is hereby directed to publish a display advertisement in a newspaper(s) in general circulation throughout its service area at least two times prior to June 8, 2022, that includes a description of the matter on which the prehearing conference is being held and the time, date, method, and purpose of the prehearing conference scheduled for June 15, 2022. The notice shall also advise persons who seek to intervene in this proceeding that any petition to intervene, shall be filed¹ with Andrew S. Johnston, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, by June 13, 2022;
- (5) That Delmarva Power & Light Company shall file a proof of publication on or before the date of the prehearing conference;
- (6) That Delmarva Power & Light Company also shall place on its home page a notice of the prehearing conference and the date by which petitions to intervene in the matter must be filed in a manner that a customer need not click the link to determine the date, time, method, and purpose of the prehearing conference or the date by which a petition to intervene must be filed; and
- (7) That Delmarva Power & Light Company is directed to employ any routinely used social media platforms, such as Twitter or Facebook, and any other

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¹ The Commission requests that parties use the Commission's E-file system, which eliminates the need to submit paper copies. Details of the E-file system are on the Commission's web page, www.psc.state.md.us (Online Services or Tools).

means of communication at its disposal to further notify its customers of the prehearing conference, as appropriate.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ Andrew S. Johnston

Andrew S. Johnston Executive Secretary