

**ORDER NO. 87674**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION	*	BEFORE THE
OF DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT	*	PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
COMPANY FOR ADJUSTMENTS TO ITS	*	OF MARYLAND
RETAIL RATES FOR THE DISTRIBUTION	*	
OF ELECTRIC ENERGY	*	_____
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	*	CASE NO. 9424
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**Issue Date: July 21, 2016**

On July 20, 2016, Delmarva Power and Light Company (“Delmarva” or “Company”) filed an application with the Maryland Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for authority to adjust its retail rates for the distribution of electric energy. The Company also filed supporting testimony, exhibits, and related tariff revisions. In its application, the Company asks the Commission for authority to increase its Maryland base distribution rates by \$66,192,086 with the proposed rates going into effect on August 19, 2016. In this Application, the Company is now seeking to begin recovery of its Advanced Metering Infrastructure (“AMI”) system. In addition, separately from the requested adjustments to base rates, the Company is requesting to continue its Grid Resiliency Surcharge. Delmarva proposes to accelerate improvement to priority feeders and install single phase reclosing fuse technology and is requesting \$4.6 million a year for two years.

Pursuant to Public Utilities Article §4-204, *Annotated Code of Maryland*, the Commission concludes that the proposed rates filed by Delmarva on July 20, 2016 should be suspended for a period of not more than 150 days from August 19, 2016. The suspension period is necessary to provide the Commission with an opportunity to determine the justness and reasonableness of the proposals.

**IT IS THEREFORE**, this 21st day of July, in the year Two Thousand Sixteen by the Public Service Commission of Maryland,

**ORDERED:** (1) That the proposed rates filed by Delmarva Power and Light Company on July 20, 2016 are suspended for a period of not more than 150 days from August 19, 2016;

(2) That proceedings as to the justness and reasonableness of the proposed rates are instituted by the Commission; and

(3) That this matter is hereby delegated to the Public Utility Law Judge Division.

By Direction of the Commission,

*/s/ David J. Collins*

David J. Collins  
Executive Secretary