ORDER NO. 88348

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY FOR ADJUSTMENTS TO ITS RETAIL RATES FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC ENERGY BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF MARYLAND

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* CASE NO. 9455

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Issue Date: August 21, 2017

To: Parties of Record and Interested Persons

On August 21, 2017, the Public Service Commission ("Commission") held a prehearing conference to establish a procedural schedule for this proceeding and to address any other pending preliminary matters. Representatives from Delmarva Power & Light Company ("DPL" or "Company"), the Office of People's Counsel ("OPC"), and the Commission's Technical Staff ("Staff") appeared at the pre-hearing conference for this matter.

At the hearing, the Commission adopted a procedural schedule for the matter, except for a schedule for the public evening hearings. The Commission determined that three public evening hearings will be held prior to the evidentiary hearings. The Company is therefore directed to work with the Executive Secretary to schedule the dates and specific locations for three public evening hearings to be held in the Company's service territory. No Petitions to Intervene were filed by any third party. Therefore, DPL, OPC, and Staff, collectively, were deemed the "Parties" to this proceeding. In addition, the Commission directed Staff on behalf of the Parties to file a Comparison

Chart that reflects the Parties' positions on rate base and operating income adjustments no later than Noon, December 8, 2017.

The procedural schedule, as adopted, requires the extension by 30 days of the initial 150-day suspension period for the tariff revisions filed in this proceeding. Accordingly, pursuant to § 4-204(b)(2)(ii) of the Public Utilities Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Commission finds that the proceedings cannot be completed within the initial 150-day suspension period and, therefore, extends the initial 150-day suspension period by an additional 30 days, or until February 10, 2018.

Further, the Commission found that a discovery procedure as proposed by the Parties was appropriate and was adopted in this case. Pursuant to Order No. 88301, discovery began on July 17, 2017 for DPL, OPC and Staff.

- Responses to discovery requests served by November 16, 2017 are
 due within ten business days of service, and any objections to
 discovery requests must be served within five business days.
- Responses to discovery requests served after November 16, 2017 and up to December 4, 2017 are due within seven business days of service, and any objections to discovery requests must be served within two business days.
- Responses to discovery requests served after December 4, 2017 are
 due within five business days of service, and any objections to
 discovery requests must be served within one business day.
- Parties are directed to utilize its best effort to limit discovery requests after December 4, 2017.

- Electronic service of discovery requests, responses and documents
 is sufficient so long as the recipient acknowledges actual receipt,
 which the responding party should obtain and maintain, and hard
 copies shall be made available if electronic service is not
 successful.
- The parties should consult with each other and attempt in good faith to resolve all disputes prior to making an objection and again prior to filing a motion seeking relief from the Commission. In the event parties are unable to resolve a dispute, the aggrieved party may file a motion for relief within three business days from service of the written objection. The opponent shall respond to the motion within two business days of service of the motion. The motion and response shall be letter format, and shall each be limited in length to three single-spaced pages with a 12-point or greater font. The letters must specify the dates and times of all consultations for the purpose of resolving the dispute. The parties shall contact the Executive Secretary via phone or email to schedule a hearing, if necessary, and shall provide the Executive Secretary an electronic copy of the motion and response.

Finally, the Commission determined that for all motions filed in this proceeding, except for discovery-related, parties that wish to respond shall file its written response with the Commission within five business days, unless otherwise directed by the Commission.

IT IS THEREFORE, this 21st day of August, in the year Two Thousand Seventeen by the Public Service Commission of Maryland;

ORDERED: (1) That Parties shall file pleadings in this proceeding as follows:

- (a) DPL shall file update to actual financials (10 months) and Supplemental Direct Testimony, if needed, by September 8, 2017;
- (b) Parties, other than DPL, shall file Direct Testimony by October 16, 2017;
- (c) DPL shall file update to actual financials (12 months) and Supplemental Direct Testimony, if needed, by November 7, 2017;
- (d) All Parties shall file Rebuttal Testimony by November 16,2017;
- (e) All Parties shall file Surrebuttal Testimony by December 4,2017; and
- (f) Briefs shall be filed by January 9, 2018.

An original and 17 paper copies, and an electronic copy¹, of the pleadings² shall be submitted to David J. Collins, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. Five of the paper copies shall be three-hole punched.

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¹ The Commission encourages persons to submit the electronic copy of a filing through the Commission's E-file system, which is available via the Commission's website.

² All pleadings should be submitted in a font size of at least 12-point.

- (2) That the Parties shall abide by the discovery procedure set forth in this Order;
 - (3) That evidentiary hearings are scheduled as follows:
 - (a) December 11, 2017, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;
 - (b) December 12, 2017, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;
 - (c) December 13, 2017, beginning at 1:00 p.m. or ½ hour after completion of the Administrative hearing, whichever is later;
 - (d) December 14, 2017, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;
 - (e) December 15, 2017, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;
 - (f) December 18, 2017, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;
 - (g) December 19, 2017, beginning at 10:00 a.m.; and
 - (h) December 20, 2017 beginning at 1:00 p.m. or ½ hour after completion of the Administrative Meeting, whichever is later.

DPL may provide live Rejoinder Testimony during its witnesses' appearances at the evidentiary hearings. Live Rejoinder Testimony will also be allowed among the OPC and Staff, but not to DPL. The Commission reserves the right to revise the hearing schedule, as needed;

(4) That Staff, on behalf of the Parties, is directed to file a Comparison Chart that reflects the Parties' positions on rate base and operating income adjustments by Noon, December 8, 2017;

(5) That, pursuant to § 4-204(b)(2)(ii) of the Public Utilities Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, the initial 150-day suspension period previously ordered in this proceeding is hereby extended by 30 days, or February 10, 2018.

(6) That DPL is directed to coordinate with the Commission's Executive Secretary to establish the dates and locations for the evening public hearings in this matter.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ David J. Collins

David J. Collins
Executive Secretary