BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF	)	
DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY	)	
FOR AN INCREASE IN ELECTRIC BASE RATES	)	PSC DOCKET NO. 13-115
(Filed March 22, 2013)	)	

ORDER No. 8346

FOR ADMISSION AS AN INTERVENOR

AND NOW, this 11th day of April, 2013, pursuant to the authority granted to me in PSC Order No. 8337 dated April 9, 2013, this Hearing Examiner having considered the Petition of the Attorney General of the State of Delaware For Leave to Intervene ("the Petition");

NOW, THEREFORE,

1. According to 29 *Del* C. §8716 (d) & (g), the Public Advocate has the statutory right to intervene before the Commission in this docket involving Delmarva Power & Light Company's Application seeking to increase electric base rates of customers.

2. The Public Advocate's office became vacant on or about March 13, 2013. The Governor has not yet named a replacement, which must also be confirmed by the Senate.

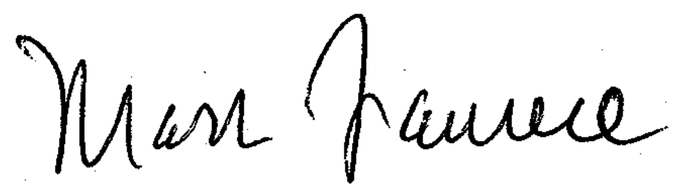
3. On March 28, 2013, the Delaware Attorney General's (DAG's) office filed the subject Petition For Leave To Intervene. The DAG's Motion states as follows:

> "Petitioner's participation in the proceeding is in the public interest because the consumers' interests are not otherwise represented due to the vacancy in the Public Advocate's office. The

> General Assembly, in creating the position of Public Advocate, intended that the interests of consumers in the lowest reasonable rates consistent with maintaining utility service and equitable rate distribution be represented before this Commission. 29 *Del* C. §§8716(d)(1),(2). The Attorney General, in his role as *parens patriae,* is the lawful representative of the State's consumers of regulated utility services, and is the proper party to intervene on their behalf under these circumstances."

4. Accordingly, the Petition is **GRANTED.**

BY ORDER OF THE HEARING EXAMINER:



Mark Lawrence, Hearing Examiner