BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

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IN THE MATTER OF INERGRATED RESOURCE PLANNING FOR THE PROVISION OF STANDARD OFFER SERVICE BY DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY UNDER 26 DEL.C. §§1007(c) & (d) (Opened December 18, 2012)	)))))	PSC DOCKET NO. 12-544

ORDER No. 8309

FOR ADMISSION AS AN INTERVENOR

AND NOW, this 28th day of February, 2013, pursuant to the authority granted to me in PSC Order No. 8259 dated December 18, 2012, this Hearing Examiner having considered the Petition for Leave to Intervene ("the Petition") filed by the Delaware Chapter of the Sierra Club ("Sierra Club") on February 21, 2013, and there being no objection thereto filed by any party of record;

NOW, THEREFORE,

1. The Petition is granted.

2. In PSC Order No. 8259, the Commission ordered that the deadline for filing petitions for intervention was February 22, 2013. (See Order, ¶8.)

3. Thus, the Sierra Club's Petition to Intervene was timely filed.

4. In Paragraphs 3 and 5 of its Petition to Intervene, the Sierra Club describes the reasons why it should be permitted to intervene as follows:

3. Pursuant to § 2.9.1.2 of the Commission's regulations, the Sierra Club's interest in the outcome of this proceeding is as follows:

   (a) The Sierra Club is a nonprofit environmental protection organization which, among other things, seeks to educate the public in the State of Delaware about energy issues and to advocate for environmentally sound energy and resource policies to promote a sustainable economy and lifestyle within this State. The Sierra Club has 1,670 members in Delaware, who are vitally concerned about the environmental and health impacts and implications of power generation and planning within the State of Delaware.

   (b) The Commission's regulations, at 26 Del. Code Regs. 3000 3010 § 1.1, specifically requires that the IRP for Delmarva Power & Light should "ensure a cost effective, price stable, reliable, efficient and environmentally sound energy supply for all Standard Offer Service ("SOS") customers."

5. Pursuant to 26 Del. Code Regs. 1000 1001-3 §2.9.1.3, the Sierra Club's participation in this proceeding is in the public's interest. Not only will the Sierra Club provide the unique perspective of its members, but it will also provide an additional and unique view of the environmental impacts and soundness of the IRP to the proceeding. Given the large environmental costs and benefits involved, it is in the public's interest to have a wide range of viewpoints be considered in the evaluation of the IRP, particularly when a significant new consideration has been introduced to the proceedings.

5. The Sierra Club's petition raises a number of substantive issues in the docket which must be addressed.

6. By my granting its intervention, the Sierra Club is on notice that it must comply with the Procedural Schedule when issued.

Additionally, the Sierra Club is required to comply with the Commission's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Mark Lawrence
Hearing Examiner