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Maryland PSC Approves Rate Case Settlement for Delmarva Power and Light

Baltimore, MD—The Maryland Public Service Commission has issued an Order (No. 84170) approving a settlement of Delmarva Power and Light's (Delmarva) recent request for a rate increase (Case No. 9249). Among other provisions, the approved settlement allows Delmarva a \$12.2 million distribution rate increase, which is less than the nearly \$18 million requested by the company. For residential customers, this represents a 1.4 percent increase in the average total monthly electric bills (\$1.78 per month for customers using 1,000 kWh/month). Had the initial request been granted, these customers' bills would have increased 2.8 percent. The Maryland Office of People's Counsel, which represents consumers' interests in utility cases, supported the settlement that the Commission approved, as did Commission Staff and all intervening parties.

Delmarva originally filed its application for an increase in its retail rates in December 2010, with subsequent filings and hearings through June 2011. In rendering its decision, the Commission stated that "We must review any settlement carefully to ensure that the outcome, and the resulting rates, are, indeed, just and reasonable." After reviewing the settlement, the Commission concluded that: "Having reviewed the record in this case, the Settlement and the testimony in support of it, the Commission finds that the Settlement is consistent with the public interest, and we therefore approve it. We find that the \$12.2 million increase in distribution rates. . . will result in just and reasonable rates for all rate classes."

The rate change will be in effect for services provided on or after July 8, 2011.

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