



Company's service territory. The Company immediately provided it, and stated that it had published the Notice, but inadvertently failed to include the caption, which described the matter on which public comment was sought.

The Commission concludes that the Company did not provide sufficient notice to its customers of the purpose of the hearings, and this lack of notice may have resulted in persons being unable to make a conscious decision not to attend the hearings.

**IT IS THEREFORE**, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, in the year Two Thousand Nine by the Public Service Commission of Maryland;

**ORDERED:** (1) That Delmarva Power & Light Company shall, at its own costs that shall not be recovered from its ratepayers, reserve locations in Chestertown, Maryland; Salisbury, Maryland; and Wye Mills, Maryland to hold evening hearings in this matter prior to November 13, 2009. The Company shall notify the Commission of the dates, locations, and times of the hearings by October 26, 2009. Further, the Company shall be responsible for all costs associated with attendance of a court reporter at each hearing, and for the travel expenses incurred by Commission and Maryland Office of People's Counsel personnel attending the hearing, which costs shall not be recovered from its ratepayers; and

(2) That Delmarva Power & Light Company is hereby directed to publish, once in each of the two (2) successive weeks prior to each hearing date, weekly notice of the dates, times, and purpose of the public hearings and the opportunity for public comment by a display advertisement in newspapers of general circulation in each county within the Delmarva service territory. Proof of publication shall be filed with the Commission on or before the date of the hearings. The Company shall also place on its

home page a notice of the hearings, including the purpose of the hearings, in a manner that a customer need not click the link to determine the date, time, location and purpose of the hearing.

By Direction of the Commission,

*/s/ Terry J. Romine*

Terry J. Romine  
Executive Secretary