

**A REGULAR MEETING
OF
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

1. A Regular Meeting was called to order by Chair Dallas Winslow in the Hearing Room, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware, on Tuesday, August 22, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners in attendance: Joann Conaway, Manubhai “Mike” C. Karia, Harold Gray, and Kim Drexler.

The following Staff members were in attendance: Robert Howatt, Matthew Hartigan, Thomas Walsh, Deputy Attorney General, Robert Willard, Deputy Attorney General, Joshua Bowman, Jason Smith, Constance McDowell, and Donna Nickerson.

2. Commissioner Gray moved to approve the meeting minutes from the August 8, 2017 Commission meeting; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Karia; the motion carried unanimously.
3. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Conaway to adopt the following Consent Agenda items:

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ARTESIAN WATER COMPANY, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE WATER SERVICE PURSUANT TO 26 DEL. C. §203C. (FILED JUNE 27, 2017) “18917 GRAVEL HILL, 16973 GRAVEL HILL” - PSC DOCKET NO. 17-0473

Commission to consider Commission to consider Staff Memorandum and proposed Order No. 9102.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ARTESIAN WATER COMPANY, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE WATER SERVICE PURSUANT TO 26 DEL. C. §203C. (“COMPASS POINT”)(FILED JUNE 30, 2017)- PSC DOCKET NO. 17-0477

Commission to consider Staff Memorandum and proposed Order No. 9105.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DELMARVA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF QUALIFIED FUEL CELL PROVIDER PROJECT TARIFFS (FILED JULY 27, 2017)-PS DOCKET NO. 17-0928

Commission to consider Staff Memorandum and proposed Order No. 9099.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Drexler; the motion carried unanimously.

4. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TIDEWATER UTILITIES, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE WATER SERVICES PURSUANT TO 26 DEL. C. §203C ("COVERED BRIDGE TRAILS")(FILED JUNE 8, 2017)- PSC DOCKET NO. 17-0425 _____

Robert Willard, Esquire, Joshua Bowman appeared on behalf of Staff.

Kirsten Higgins appeared on behalf of Tidewater Utilities, Inc.

A motion was made by Commissioner Conaway and seconded by Commissioner Drexler to adopt Order No. 9099; motion carried unanimously.

A verbatim transcript was made of this proceeding.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF A CHANGE IN ITS GAS SALES SERVICE RATES "GSR" TO BE EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2016 (FILED SEPTEMBER 1, 2016)- PSC DOCKET NO. 16-0908 _____

Thomas Walsh, Esquire, and Jason Smith appeared on behalf of Staff.

William O'Brien, Esquire, appeared on behalf of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray and seconded by Commissioner Karia to adopt Order No. 9103; motion carried unanimously.

A verbatim transcript was made of this proceeding.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ARTESIAN WATER COMPANY, INC.
FOR AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH A REGULATORY ASSET (FILED OCTOBER
20, 2016) - PSC DOCKET NO. 16-1001

Thomas Walsh, Esquire, and Constance McDowell appeared on behalf of Staff.

Robert Willard, Esquire, appeared on behalf of the Commission.

Karl Randall, Esquire, and David Spacht, CFO and Treasurer, appeared on behalf of Artesian Water Company.

Andrew Slater and Regina Iorii, Esquire, appeared on behalf of the Division of the Public Advocate.

A motion was made by Chair Winslow and seconded by Commissioner Gray approving Staff's and Artesian's request for reconsideration; motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Chair Winslow and seconded by Commissioner Conaway to hear final argument on this matter at the Thursday, September 14, 2017 Commission meeting. Parties are permitted to do any legal research on any other cases with respect to this issue and submit them to each other the Monday prior to the Thursday's meeting; motion carried unanimously.

A verbatim transcript was made of this proceeding.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS TO
IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF 26 DEL. C. CH. 10 RELATING TO THE
CREATION OF A COMPETITIVE MARKET FOR RETAIL ELECTRIC SUPPLY
SERVICE (OPENED APRIL 27, 1999 RE-OPENED JANUARY 7, 2003; RE-OPENED
SEPTEMBER 22, 2009; RE-OPEN SEPTEMBER 7, 2010; RE-OPENED JULY 17,
2012)-PSC REGULATION DOCKET NO. 49

James McC. Geddes, Esquire, and Malika Davis appeared on behalf of Staff.

Pamela Scott, Esquire, appeared on behalf of Delmarva Power & Light Company.

Andrew Slater and Regina Iorii, Esquire, appeared on behalf of the Division of the Public Advocate.

A motion was made by Commissioner Conaway and seconded by Commissioner Karia to adopt Order No. 9104; motion carried unanimously.

A verbatim transcript was made of this proceeding.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE ISSUANCE OF COMPANY STOCK AND LONG TERM DEBT. (FILED JULY 17, 2017)- PSC DOCKET NO. 17-0695

Thomas Walsh, Esquire, and Jason Smith appeared on behalf of Staff.

William Denman, Esquire, Parkowski Guerke & Swayze PA., and Thomas Mahn, Vice-President and Treasurer of Chesapeake Utilities Corp., appeared on behalf of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Karia and seconded by Commissioner Drexler to adopt Order No. 9107; motion carried unanimously.

A verbatim transcript was made of this proceeding.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY FOR AN INCREASE IN ELECTRIC BASE RATES AND MISCELLANEOUS TARIFF CHANGES (FILED AUGUST 17, 2017)-PSC DOCKET NO. 17-0977

James McC. Geddes, Esquire, appeared on behalf of Staff.

Todd Goodman, Esquire, appeared on behalf of Delmarva Power & Light Company.

Andrew Slater and Regina Iorii, Esquire, appeared on behalf of the Division of the Public Advocate.

A motion was made by Commissioner Conaway and seconded by Commissioner Drexler to adopt Order No. 9108; motion carried unanimously.

A verbatim transcript was made of this proceeding.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT
COMPANY FOR AN INCREASE IN NATURAL GAS BASE RATES (FILED
AUGUST 17, 2017)- PSC DOCKET NO. 17-0978

Thomas Walsh, Esquire, appeared on behalf of Staff.

Pamela Scott, Esquire, appeared on behalf of Delmarva Power & Light Company.

Andrew Slater and Regina Iorii, Esquire, appeared on behalf of the Division of the Public Advocate.

A motion was made by Commissioner Drexler and seconded by Commissioner Gray to adopt Order No. 9109; motion carried unanimously.

A verbatim transcript was made of this proceeding.

5. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Howatt informed the Commission, that as noted on the Agenda, Staff planned to discuss the latest settlement developments on the FERC rate case, Docket No. ER17-419. Unfortunately, some last minute proposed changes among the parties is going to conclude discussions for this matter and will be heard at a future date.

Mr. Howatt announced an upcoming Evidentiary Hearing for Suez Water Delaware Inc., Docket No. 16-0163, for a general rate increase – Phase II, will be held Tuesday, August 29, 2017 at the Carvel State Office Bldg., 3rd Floor Conference Room, Wilmington, DE at 10:00 A.M.

Mr. Howatt also announced that the next Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2017, at 1:00 P.M., in the Dover office.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned approximately at 2:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Donna Nickerson
Secretary