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**EVIDENTIARY HEARING SCHEDULED ON MODIFICATION OF  
GAS ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE  
RIDER RATE FOR  
DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**

**DP&L's Environmental Surcharge Rider, PSC Docket No. 08-267**

A Hearing Examiner of the Delaware Public Service Commission will conduct an evidentiary hearing concerning the above-captioned case (as further explained below) at the following time and location:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
10:00 AM	Wednesday February 25, 2009	3 <sup>rd</sup> Flr Conf Rm, Carvel State Office Bldg 820 N. French Street Wilmington, DE 19801

Pursuant to the Environmental Remediation recovery mechanism approved in PSC Order No. 6401 (Apr. 20, 2004), Delmarva Power & Light Company ("DP&L" or the "Company"), has filed an application with the Public Service Commission (the "Commission") proposing to **reduce** its current gas Environmental Surcharge Rider ("ESR") rate. Under DP&L's proposal, the present rate would be reduced for the recovery period that began on November 1, 2008. The result of the Company's proposal would be to lower the current ESR Rate from a positive surcharge of \$.00238 per ccf to a positive surcharge of \$.00175 per ccf for all firm delivery service customers. For a typical space heating residential customer using 120 ccf of gas in a winter month, the effect of the proposed ESR Rate change would be a **decrease** in the monthly winter bill of approximately **\$.08 (less than 1%)**.

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At its meeting on September 16, 2008, the Commission agreed to allow the proposed ESR rate to go into effect after November 1, 2008, on a temporary basis pending further review and a final decision by the Commission. Said rate might be subject to modification and refund depending on the final decision.

Copies of the application and the testimony and schedules DP&L has filed in this docket are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Commission's Dover office at 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Cannon Building, Suite 100, Dover, Delaware. Such materials can also be reviewed, by appointment, at the offices of the Division of the Public Advocate, Fourth Floor, Carvel State Office Building, 820 North French Street, Wilmington, Delaware. Please call (302) 577-5077 to arrange for an appointment time.

Any individual with a disability who wishes to attend the hearing or to review the filings should contact the Commission to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed. The Commission Staff is also available to provide more information. The Commission's toll-free telephone number within Delaware is 1-800-282-8574. The Commission can also be reached at (302) 736-7500 (including text telephone communications). Inquiries can also be sent to the Commission by Internet e-mail to "courtney.stewart@state.de.us."