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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF REVISION TO THE RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE OF THE DELAWARE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (FILED JANUARY 6, 1999)	))))	PSC DOCKET NO. 99-9

ORDER NO. 8232

This 9th day of October 2012, the Public Service Commission ("Commission") determines and orders the following:

WHEREAS, under the provisions of 26 *Del. C.* §209(a)(1) and 29 *Del. C.* §10113(b)(2),[1] the Commission is authorized to adopt rules of practice and procedure to govern the conduct of proceedings before it. *See also* 29 *Del. C.* §10111(2); and

WHEREAS, the Commission currently operates under Rules of Practice and Procedure (the "Rules") which were adopted on May 10, 1999. Since that time, the nature of the regulatory proceedings before the Commission has changed considerably. In many instances, the present Rules do not easily dovetail with the nature of the new proceedings, nor do they allow for the use of technological advances in the manner of filing and preparing documents; and

WHEREAS, the Commission wishes to review and possibly revise or amend the Rules and therefore finds good cause to re-open this regulation docket;

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1 Under 29 Del. C. §10113(b)(2), the Commission may act informally and need not comply with the statutory requirements governing the adoption of substantive rules in adopting or revising rules of practice and procedure.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF NOT FEWER THAN THREE COMMISSIONERS:

1. Pursuant to 26 *Del. C.* §209(a)(1) and 29 *Del. C.* §10111 *et seq.*, the Commission hereby re-opens Regulation Docket 99-9 and proposes to review and amend the "*Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Delaware Public Service Commission,*" 26 *Del. Admin. C.* §1001 *et seq.* (the "Rules").

2. After drafting proposed amendments to the Rules, Commission Staff shall solicit comments from stakeholders regarding its proposed changes to the Rules. In addition, the Commission hereby orders the Commission Staff to hold any such workshops as Staff deems necessary.

3. After receiving comments and after conducting any such workshops as Staff deems necessary, Staff shall submit to the Commission a proposal for amendments to the existing Rules. If the Commission approves such proposed amendments, the Commission will then publish notice of the proposal and conduct proceedings pursuant to 29 *Del. C.* §10113.

4. The Commission reserves the jurisdiction and authority to enter such further Orders in this matter as may be deemed necessary or proper.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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Chair

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary