

Delaware Update

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Interconnection Standards

- July 11, 2006, Commission issued Order No. 6983 opening Regulation Docket No. 58 to consider new interconnection standards;
- Public comments were solicited—DPL and Delaware Million Solar Roof Coalition responded. None of the comments suggested that Delaware needs to revise its existing standards;
- Hearing Examiner's Report issued August 30, 2006, stated that need to re-examine the existing standards had not been demonstrated.

Net Metering

- Current net metering tariff is applicable to generating facilities of not more than 25 Kw;
- Pending legislation to raise that limit to 2 Mw;
- Staff position is 200 Kw.

Demand Side

- On May 9, 2006, in Order No. 6912 the Commission opened Regulation Docket No. 57 to consider advanced metering;
- Workshops were conducted and a report was issued by the working group on November 16, 2006. The report concluded that deployment of an AMI system could provide significant benefits to Delaware;

Demand Side

- Full Scale Implementation was not recommended at this time. Staff and DPA recommended a pilot program. DPL recommended further study;
- Hearing Examiner's Report recommended that the Commission order DPL to conduct a pilot program;
- DPL informally announced a comprehensive demand side program on January 23, 2007. Commission decided to wait for DPL's plan.

Revenue Decoupling

- Issue in electric and gas base rate cases and in DPL's comprehensive plan;
- Preliminary plan is to open a generic docket to consider revenue decoupling shortly after DPL formally announces its comprehensive plan.

Standard Offer Service

- More than one-third of load served by retail suppliers but only about 1% of residential load;
- SOS for small customers provided under three-year contracts. SOS for Larger commercial customers provided by one year contracts.
- SOS for GS-T customers is hourly from PJM.

Electric Utility Retail Customer Supply Act of 2006

- House Bill 6 a reaction to high SOS rates in May 2006 after rate caps expired;
- DPL to issue an RFP for new generation in Delaware—oversight by state agencies (Docket 06-241);
- IRP (Docket 07-20) to be filed by DPL on December 1, 2006 and every two years thereafter;
- At least 30% of SOS supply to continue to be procured from the market.

Renewable Portfolio Standards

- In July 2006, the Commission adopted rules and regulations governing the RPS mandated by the legislature;
- 1% of energy sales to be from eligible resources beginning in 2007 and stepping up to a maximum of 10% by 2019;
- Greater credit to solar and renewable fuel used in a fuel cell (300%) or a wind facility sited by 12-31-12 in Delaware (150%).