

STATE OF DELAWARE



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER
NUMBER THIRTEEN

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

RE: FORMATION OF PUBLIC UTILITY REGULATORY TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, title 26 of the Delaware Code provides for the regulation of public utilities operating in the State; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to foster economic development and job growth and these interests are advanced by the presence of a modern and cost-effective public utility infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to ensure universal availability of utility services at just and reasonable rates, while relying upon the effectiveness of a competitive market where it exists; and

WHEREAS, there has been no comprehensive review of the process by which public utilities are regulated since 1974 and many aspects of the public utility industry have experienced significant competitive, regulatory, and technological changes in the intervening two decades; and

WHEREAS, new or revised regulatory approaches may increase efficiency in the delivery of public utility services and result in a better allocation of the State's limited financial resources.

NOW THEREFORE, I, THOMAS R. CARPER, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order that:

1. A special Task Force is created, the membership of which shall consist of the following:
 - a. David D. Wakefield, Chairperson;
 - b. William D. Bailey, Jr., Vice Chairperson;
 - c. Charles B. Reeder, Vice Chairperson;
 - d. Ralph J. Adkins;
 - e. Carolyn S. Burger;
 - f. Frank B. Calio;
 - g. Thomas L. Clark, representing the Delaware Energy Users Group
 - h. Howard E. Cosgrove;
 - i. Rodney W. Davies, representing the Delaware Industrial Group
 - j. John F. Glenn;
 - k. Vincent P. Meconi;
 - l. Nancy M. Norling, in her capacity as Chair of the Public Service Commission;
 - m. Dian C. Taylor;
 - n. Joshua M. Twilley, Esq., in his capacity as a Public Service Commissioner;
 - o. Two members of the State Senate (one from each caucus);
 - p. Two members of the State House of Representatives (one from each caucus); and,
 - q. Such other persons as the Governor may appoint.
2. The goal of the Task Force is to recommend reforms to the existing regulatory process, structure, and organization that will improve utility efficiency and encourage utility innovation, while assuring continued availability of utility services at affordable and competitive prices.
3. The Public Service Commission and any other appropriate State department or agency shall provide reasonable staff and resources as may be required by the Task Force to fulfill its duties. Members of the Task Force may, at their option, provide staff resources from their respective organizations.

4. The Chairperson or, in his absence, either Vice Chairperson may call meetings of the Task Force. The Task Force shall:
- a. Discuss the perceived need for improvement of Delaware's existing regulatory process, structure, and organization;
 - b. Consult with interested parties and representatives from other states to determine what alternatives exist for improving Delaware's regulatory process;
 - c. Discuss findings and, where appropriate, recommend improvements that are effective and feasible;
 - d. Quantify, to the extent reasonably possible, the cost and economic impact of such changes; and
 - e. Report its findings and recommendations on the foregoing topics to the Governor by May 31, 1994, with an interim report to be presented no later than April 29, 1994. The final report shall include a draft of any recommended legislation that would advance the goal of the Task Force.



APPROVED this 27th day of October, 1993

Thomas R. Carper
Governor

Attest:

William J. Zuckerman
Secretary of State