

STATEMENT BY I.B.E.W.

LOCAL UNION 1307

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My name is Mike Dennis – I'm President and Business Manager of IBEW Local 1307 representing 600 members from four host companies, three regulated electric utilities including Delmarva Power and one generation company in Delaware (NRG Energy)

I have lived in Dagsboro, DE for 30 years and worked at Indian River Power Plant for twenty-five years, fifteen of which was in Operations followed by ten years in the Instrument & Controls Shop, prior to my twelve years as President of Local 1307.

Speaking as a former plant employee and as a representative for existing employees and as a concerned resident, we are very interested in the outcome of this rulemaking process.

We cannot lose sight of the big picture and regulate our primary source of power out of business. At Indian River, we have been very proactive in controlling plant emissions, making the necessary changes and improvements to insure compliance with existing regulations and in planning for even tighter compliance requirements yet to go into effect.

Putting more emission reductions into effect is not really for us, we all want

cleaner air and water, I know I do, and I live only three miles from the plant, but how we achieve those reductions is critical for our companies, employees and consumers. Plans are already in place to upgrade and install new systems on all units and possible construction of a clean coal technology facility. [An Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle Unit]

In a deregulated-for-profit environment, the bottom line can't be ignored. The emission reduction goal can be achieved, but should be achievable and phased-in to insure that Delaware generating facilities are economically viable to operate and provide the power required to serve the customers of the eastern shore. Based on the current transmission system, electric import capabilities and distribution congestion limitations, we cannot put regulations in effect that jeopardize the presence of these base load power plants and energy reliability.

Our Sister Local 1238 presentation highlights several significant negative outcomes that would result, in the event of a serious reduction of power generation, or the closure of some of our Delaware generating facilities. Outcomes that I believe none of us are prepared for at this point in time.

We ask that all the decision makers please consider the proposed plans submitted by NRG Energy. I thank you for your attention and for allowing me to the opportunity to

express I.B.E.W. Local 1307 and its members concerns. I would be happy to take any questions you may have at this time.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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