

customers that meet the specified income criteria. The program will target participation by 100 eligible customers in each year of the three-year life of the program, or 300 customers in total.

The Low Income Audit II Program is designed to provide customers currently enrolled in the Universal Service Fund program, households with an Income level at or below 225% of the federal poverty guideline, and customers who receive Federal Supplemental Income, Home Energy Assistance, Lifeline, Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families or Section 8 Housing with energy efficiency measures at no charge based on results of an energy audit.

By Order dated November 22, 2013, the Board retained this matter for review and hearing, and as authorized by N.J.S.A. 48:2-32, designated me as the presiding officer authorized to rule on all motions that arise during the pendency of these proceedings and modify any schedule(s) that may be set as necessary to secure just and expeditious determinations in this matter.

The Board further authorized me to render a decision on a stipulation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.3 extending the Review Period, if submitted, provided that the stipulation is executed by all parties to the proceeding. The authority so delegated is limited to a single extension of the 180 period, with any further requests for extension to be directed to the Board.

RECO circulated a schedule allowing time for settlement discussion, the filing of testimony and evidentiary hearings if necessary. On February 12, 2014, Board Staff, Rate Counsel and the Company, the only parties to this proceeding, agreed to the schedule and to extend the Review Period to May 30, 2014.

In light of the agreement of the parties to the procedural schedule and having received no objections, and being satisfied that the schedule will provide additional time for the development of the record and possibly lead to a consensual resolution of the proceeding, I **HEREBY SET** the procedural schedule below and extend the Review Period to May 30, 2014 as follows:

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| Initial Testimony Due | February 28, 2014 |
| Public Hearing | March 5, 2014 |
| Rebuttal Testimony | March 13, 2014 |
| Evidentiary Hearings (if necessary) | March 20 or 21, 2014 ² |
| Position Papers Due | April 4, 2014 |
| Anticipated Board Action | April 23, 2014 |

This ruling is provisional and subject to ratification or other alteration by the Board as it deems appropriate during the proceeding in this matter.

DATED:

18 February 2014

BY:

Mary-Anna Holden
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COMMISSIONER

² Subject to my availability.

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