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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF PUBLIC )  
SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY FOR )  
APPROVAL OF ITS CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE – )  
ELECTRIC VEHICLE AND ENERGY STORAGE (“CEF- )  
EVES”) PROGRAM ON A REGULATED BASIS ) DOCKET NO. EO18101111

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**BY COMMISSIONER UPENDRA J. CHIVUKULA:**

On October 11, 2018, Public Service Electric and Gas Company (“PSE&G” or “Company”) filed a petition (“Petition”) with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) requesting approval of its Clean Energy Future – Electric Vehicle and Energy Storage Program (“CEF-EVES Program” or “Program”). The proposed Program would consist of up to \$261 million of investment over a period of six (6) years and approximately \$103 million in expenses. PSE&G claims that the proposed Program will support the widespread adoption of electric vehicles (“EV”), including multi-family and low income customers. Additionally, the petition maintains that the EV program will have extensive societal benefits including environmental benefits, job creation, supporting schools, mitigation of EV market barriers, and increased knowledge of how to optimize the distribution system through smart chargers with two-way communication.

By an Order dated October 29, 2018, the Board determined that the petition described above should be retained by the Board for hearing and, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-32, designated myself as the presiding officer authorized to rule on all motions that arise during the pendency of these proceedings and modify any schedules that may be set as necessary to secure a just and expeditious determination of the issues. Further, the October 29, 2018 Order directed that any entities seeking to intervene or participate in this matter file the appropriate application with the Board by November 13, 2018.

On April 22, 2020, a prehearing order was issued wherein a procedural schedule was set and motions for intervention and participation status were ruled upon.

## **THE MOTIONS**

### **Motion for Reconsideration and Intervene**

#### *Power Edison, LLC*

Power Edison, LLC (“Power Edison”) submitted a Motion to Intervene with the Board on November 13, 2018. Power Edison's motion was filed by its President and CEO, Shihab Kuran, Ph.D. Dr. Kuran is not an attorney authorized to practice in New Jersey and therefore may not represent Power Edison before the Board. Because Power Edison was not represented by counsel, its motion to intervene was not considered in the April 9, 2020 prehearing order. Thereafter, on April 23, 2020, the Board was contacted by Umar A. Sheikh, Esq. stating that Power Edison had retained counsel and is requesting the Board to reconsider its motion for intervenor status. On that same date, Mr. Sheikh entered his appearance on behalf of Power Edison.

Power Edison is a New Jersey based privately held, utility-scale energy storage system developer and supplier. Power Edison asserts that it is in a unique position to provide the Board with insight, including energy markets, storage technologies and the costs and feasibility related to the proposed program.

Power Edison maintains it will be directly impacted by the outcome of the proceeding because if energy storage programs are approved by the Board, it is important to Power Edison to plan accordingly with investments in staff, R&D, materials and manufacturing equipment. Power Edison asserts it will add measurably and constructively to the scope of the docket because of its successful history with other New Jersey energy initiatives. Power Edison states its interests are not adequately represented as no other parties have identical interests. Lastly, Power Edison vouches that it will not cause undue delay or confusion.

## **RESPONSES**

The Board has not received any response to the motion for reconsideration.

## **FINDINGS**

After consideration of the papers and given the lack of any objection, I **HEREBY FIND**, that Power Edison is represented by counsel and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:1-16.3 that Power Edison will be directly affected by the outcome of this proceeding and will measurably and constructively contribute to the scope of the case. Power Edison has a sufficient interest in this proceeding and

has met the standards for intervention. Accordingly, having received no objection, I **HEREBY GRANT** Power Edison's motion for intervention pursuant to the authority granted to me by the Board under the March 2018 Order.

I **HEREBY DIRECT** that this Order be posted on the Board's website.

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

DATED: May 14, 2020

BY:



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