

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350 www.nj.gov/bpu/

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

A Regular Board meeting of the Board of Public Utilities was held on January 22, 2020, at the State House Annex, Committee Room 11, 125 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08625.

Public notice was given pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-18 by posting notice of the meeting at the Board's Trenton Office, on the Board's website, filing notice of the meeting with the New Jersey Department of State and the following newspapers circulated in the State of New Jersey:

Asbury Park Press
Atlantic City Press
Burlington County Times
Courier Post (Camden)
Home News Tribune (New Brunswick)
North Jersey Herald and News (Passaic)
The Record (Hackensack)
The Star Ledger (Newark)
The Trenton Times

The following members of the Board of Public Utilities were present:

Joseph L. Fiordaliso, President Mary-Anna Holden, Commissioner Dianne Solomon, Commissioner Upendra J. Chivukula, Commissioner Robert M. Gordon, Commissioner

President Fiordaliso presided at the meeting and Aida Camacho-Welch, Secretary of the Board, carried out the duties of the Secretary.

It was announced that the next regular Board Meeting would be held on February 5, 2020 at the State House Annex, Committee Room 11, 125 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08625.

# **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### I. AUDITS

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A. Energy Agent and/or Private Aggregator Initial Registratio	<b>A</b> .	<b>Energy Agen</b>	t and/or Private	Aggregator	Initial Reg	istration
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EE19101389L	Energy Price Management Group, LLC	I – EA
EE19091317L	Energy Office, Inc.	I – EA
EE19111451L	Energytek, LLC	I – EA
	d/b/a Energetek	

EE19111501L	Noble Hill Brokerage, LLC	R – EA	
EE19101354L	Energy Procurement Partners, Inc.	R – EA	
EE19111447L	KEYTEX Energy Solutions, LLC	R – EA/PA	
GE19111448L			
EE19080908L	Navigate Power, LLC	R - EA/EC	

Electric Power and/or Natural Gas Supplier Renewal Licenses

EE19050665L	Star Energy Partners, LLC	R – ESL
EE19040482L	Energy Plus Holdings, LLC	R – ESL
GE19040481L	Energy Plus Natural Gas, LLC	R – GSL

BACKGROUND: The Board must register all energy agents, private aggregators, and consultants, and the Board must license all third party electric power suppliers and natural gas suppliers. On May 10, 2019, P.L. 2019, c. 100-101 was signed into law providing that third party electric power and natural gas supplier licenses issued by the Board may be renewed without expiring if certain conditions are met. An electric power supplier and/or natural gas supplier license shall not expire so long as the licensee pays to the Board a license renewal fee accompanied by an annual information update on a form prescribed by the Board. The renewal fee and annual information update form must be submitted within 30 days prior to the anniversary date of the last approved licensing application. P.L. 2019, c. 100-101 became operative 60 days following the date of enactment. As such, any third party suppliers with a license expiring prior to July 9, 2019 were still required to submit the previous renewal application form. Any third party supplier renewal application that was filed prior to July 9, 2019 has been, and will continue to, be processed by Board Staff for approval or denial in accordance with N.J.A.C. 14:4-5.7. The anniversary date for companies with a pending application will be the date that the renewal application receives Board approval. An energy agent, private aggregator, or energy consultant registration shall be valid for one year from the date of issue. Annually thereafter, licensed electric power suppliers and natural gas suppliers, as well as energy agents, private aggregators, and energy consultants, are required to renew timely their licenses and registrations in order to continue to do business in New Jersey.

Staff recommended that the following applicants be issued initial registrations as an energy agent for one year:

- Energy Price Management Group, LLC
- Energy Office Inc.
- o Energytek, LLC d/b/a Energetek

Staff also recommended that the following applicants be issued renewal registrations as an energy agent, private aggregator and/or energy agent for one year:

- Noble Hill Brokerage, LLC
- Energy Procurement Partners, Inc.
- KEYTEX Energy Solutions, LLC

Finally, Staff recommended that the following applicants be issued a renewal licenses as an electric power and/or natural gas supplier:

- Star Energy Partners, LLC
- o Energy Plus Holdings, LLC
- Energy Plus Natural Gas, LLC

**DECISION:** The Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

#### II. ENERGY

A. Docket No. ER20010003 – In the Matter of Federal Energy (FERC) Items for 2020 – FERC Docket No. ER20-584 – PJM Interconnection, LLC re: Minimum Run-Time Compliance Filing.

**BACKGROUND:** This matter involved Staff, on behalf of the Board, filing a doc-less intervention in this proceeding as a "state commission" under the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Rules of Practice and Procedure on January 9, 2020. The FERC e-filing rules allow for doc-less interventions, which serve to establish the Board as a party to the proceeding. This matter involved a PJM Compliance Filing regarding the justness and reasonableness of PJM's minimum run-time rules and procedures. At present, Staff is monitoring the federal proceeding on behalf of the Board. Staff recommended the Board ratify the intervention at this time.

**DECISION:** The Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

#### III. CABLE TELEVISION

There were no items in this category.

# IV. TELECOMMUNICATIONS

There were no items in this category.

#### V. WATER

There were no items in this category.

# VI. RELIABILITY AND SECURITY

There were no items in this category.

#### VII. CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE

A. Docket Nos. BPU EC19050601U and OAL PUC 08926-19 – In the Matter of Steven E. Carpineta, Petitioner v. Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Respondent – Billing Dispute.

**BACKGROUND:** This matter involved a billing dispute between Steven E. Carpineta (Petitioner) and Public Service Electric & Gas Company (PSE&G). The petition was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for hearing as a contested case. Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Elaine B. Frick filed an Initial Decision in this matter with the Board on December 17, 2019, approving the Stipulation of Settlement (Stipulation) of the parties.

Pursuant to the terms of the Stipulation, and in order to fully resolve this matter, PSE&G agreed to take the current \$840.52 outstanding balance and divide that into a 12 month deferred payment arrangement. Beginning December 27, 2019, the Petitioner will make 11 monthly payments of \$70.00 followed by a final monthly payment of \$70.52. The Petitioner understands that he must also continue to pay his current monthly charges.

The Board, at its discretion, has the option of accepting, modifying or rejecting the Initial Decision of ALJ Frick. Staff recommended the Board adopt the Initial Decision.

**DECISION:** The Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

# VIII. CLEAN ENERGY

There were no items in this category.

#### IX. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Approval of the Minutes for the December 20, 2019 Agenda Meeting.

**BACKGROUND:** Staff presented the meeting minutes of December 20, 2019, and recommended that they be accepted.

**DECISION:** The Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

After appropriate motion, the consent agenda was approved.

Roll Call Vote:	President Fiordaliso	Aye
	Commissioner Holden	Aye
	<b>Commissioner Solomon</b>	Aye
	<b>Commissioner Chivukula</b>	Ave
	Commissioner Gordon	Ave

#### **AGENDA**

#### 1. AUDITS

There were no items in this category.

# 2. ENERGY

Stacy Peterson, Director, Division of Energy, presented these matters.

A. Docket No. ER19121509 – In the Matter of the Provision of Basic Generation Service and the Compliance Tariff Filing Reflecting Changes to Schedule 12 Charges in PJM Open Access Transmission Tariff – December 2019 Joint Filing.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:** By petition dated December 9, 2019, Atlantic City Electric Company, Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G), and Rockland Electric Company (collectively, the EDCs) filed a joint petition with the Board requesting recovery of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approved changes in firm transmission service related charges. (December 2019 Petition) The EDCs requested that the changes in rates, if approved, be effective for service rendered on and after January 1, 2020.

The EDCs' proposed tariff changes reflect changes to the Basic Generation Service (BGS) Residential and Small Commercial Pricing (BGS-RSCP) and Commercial and Industrial Energy Pricing (BGS-CIEP) rates to customers resulting from changes in the PJM Interconnection, LLC Open Access Transmission Tariff made in response to: (i) the annual formula rate update filing made by (a) Potomac-Appalachian Transmission Highline, LLC in FERC Docket No. ER-08-386-000; (b) PSE&G in FERC Docket No. ER09-1257-000; (c) Virginia Electric Power Company in FERC Docket No. ER08-92-000; (d) American Electric Power East Operating Companies and American Electric Power Transmission Companies in FERC Docket No. ER17-405-000; (e) Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC in FERC Docket Nos. ER17-211-00 and ER17-211-001; ii) an update to the EL05-121 rate component currently in place in the BGS tariff of each EDC associated with each zone's 10 year black box settlement and reflects the lower cost that will be in effect for the remaining six years under the settlement approved by FERC.

No comments were received from the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel or any other party.

The Board's December 22, 2006 Order provides that, "Upon receipt of Board approval for the increase in the rates charged to BGS Customers, the EDCs would begin collecting the increase from BGS Customers, tracking that portion of the rates charged to BGS Customers attributable to the rate increase, and retaining such tracked amounts for the ultimate benefit of the BGS Suppliers. Upon approval by the FERC of a proposed rate increase, in a Final FERC Order not subject to refund, the EDCs would increase, by the amount approved by the Board, the BGS-FP auction price paid to BGS-FP Suppliers, and the BGS-CIEP Transmission Charge paid to BGS-CIEP Suppliers, and would pay each BGS Supplier, in proportion to its BGS Supplier Responsibility Share, the amounts tracked and retained for the benefit of BGS Suppliers until the date final FERC approval was received."

There are several allocations included in the Transmission Enhancement Charges (TECs) charges that have not received a Final FERC Order, including the Con-Ed Wheel Reallocation and Hudson Transmission Partners' and Linden Variable Frequency Transformer. Accordingly, Staff recommended that the Board approve the changes to the BGS-RSCP and BGS-CIEP rates requested by each EDC for its transmission charges resulting from the FERC-approved changes to the TECs and the EL05-121 rate update in the December 2019 Petition, effective February 1, 2020.

Staff recommended that the Board approve the changes to the BGS rates requested by the EDCs resulting from the FERC approved changes to the TECs. Staff also recommended that the EDCs be authorized to compensate BGS suppliers subject to the terms and conditions of the SMAs. Staff further recommended that the Board direct the EDCs to file tariffs and rates consistent with the Board's findings by February 1, 2020.

**DECISION:** After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote: President Fiordaliso Aye
Commissioner Holden Aye
Commissioner Solomon Aye
Commissioner Chivukula Aye
Commissioner Gordon Aye

B. Docket No. ER19121540 – In the Matter of the Provision of Basic Generation Service and the Compliance Tariff Filing Reflecting Changes to Schedule 12 Charges in PJM Open Access Transmission Tariff – December 2019 JCP&L NITS Joint Filing.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:** By petition dated December 12, 2019, Atlantic City Electric Company, Jersey Central Power & Light Company (JCP&L), Public Service Electric and Gas Company, and Rockland Electric Company (collectively, the EDCs) filed a joint petition (December 2019 Petition) with the Board requesting recovery of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approved changes in transmission service related charges related to the formula rate filing made by JCP&L.

In the December 2019 Petition, the EDCs proposed tariff changes to the Basic Generation Service (BGS), Residential and Small Commercial Pricing (BGS-RSCP) and Commercial and Industrial Energy Pricing (BGS-CIEP) rates to customers resulting from changes in the PJM Interconnection, LLC (PJM) Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) made in response to the JCP&L formula rate filing made by JCP&L in FERC Docket No. ER20-227-000. The EDCs requested that the changes become effective on January 1, 2020.

The EDCs also request that BGS suppliers be compensated for the changes to the OATT resulting from the implementation of the JCP&L project annual formula updates effective on January 1, 2020. The EDCs confirm that the suppliers will be compensated subject to the terms and conditions of the applicable Supplier Master Agreements (SMAs), and any difference between the payments to BGS-RSCP and BGS-CIEP suppliers and charges to customers will flow through the BGS Reconciliation Charges.

According to the EDCs, the December 2019 Petition satisfies the requirements of paragraph 15.9(a) (i) and (ii) of the BGS-RSCP and BGS-CIEP SMAs, which mandate that BGS-RSCP and BGS-CIEP suppliers be notified of rate increases for firm transmission service, and that the EDCs file for and obtain Board approval for an increase in retail rates commensurate with the FERC-implemented rate increase.

On October 30, 2019, in FERC Docket No. ER20-227-000, JCP&L filed a petition with FERC requesting approval of a formula rate for its Network Integration Transmission Service rate charged for the JCP&L zone and the Transmission Enhancement Charge revenue requirement under the PJM OATT. The proposed formula rate would be in increase compared to JCP&L's current stated transmission rate. JCP&L requested an effective date of January 1, 2020.

On December 20, 2019, FERC issued an Order in Docket No. ER20-227-000. (December 2019 FERC Order). The December 2019 FERC Order accepted the proposed tariff revisions, suspending them for a nominal period, to become effective January 1, 2020, subject to refund. The December 2019 FERC Order established a hearing and settlement judge procedures.

No comments were received from Rate Counsel or any other party.

The Board's December 22, 2006 Order in Docket No. EO06020119 at page 12 provides as follows:

"Upon receipt of Board approval for the increase in the rates charged to BGS Customers, the EDCs would begin collecting the increase from BGS Customers, tracking that portion of the rates charged to BGS Customers attributable to the rate increase, and retaining such tracked amounts for the ultimate benefit of the BGS Suppliers. Upon approval by the FERC of a proposed rate increase, in a Final FERC Order not subject to refund, the EDCs would increase, by the amount approved by the Board, the BGS-FP auction price paid to BGS-FP Suppliers, and the BGS-CIEP Transmission Charge paid to BGS-CIEP Suppliers, and would pay each BGS Supplier, in proportion to its BGS Supplier Responsibility Share, the amounts tracked and retained for the benefit of BGS Suppliers until the date final FERC approval was received."

Staff recommended that the Board authorize the EDCs to collect from BGS customers, effective February 1, 2020, the costs associated with the December 2019 Petition and track such collections until receipt of a Final FERC Order in the matter. Staff also recommended that the Board direct the EDCs to file tariffs and rates consistent with the Board's findings by February 1, 2020.

**DECISION:** After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Fiordaliso	Aye
	Commissioner Holden	Aye
	<b>Commissioner Solomon</b>	Aye
	Commissioner Chivukula	Aye
	Commissioner Gordon	Ανe

C. Docket Nos. ER19091302 and GR19091303 – In the Matter of the Petition of Public Service Electric and Gas Company for Approval of Changes in its Electric Tax Adjustment Credit and Gas Tax Adjustment Credit (2019 TAC Filing).

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:** On September 26, 2019, Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G or Company) filed a petition (September 2019 TAC Petition) with the Board seeking approval for electric and gas base rate changes associated with the Electric Tax Adjustment Credit (ETAC) and Gas Tax Adjustment Credit (GTAC) (collectively, TACs) to reset for 2020.

In the September 2019 TAC Petition, the Company proposed an ETAC refund from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 of approximately \$87.7 million which, when added to the Company's estimated December 31, 2019 over-collected balance with interest of \$8.2 million, resulted in a total proposed refund to customers of approximately \$95.9 million. The proposed refund is based upon actual results through June 2019 and a forecast through December 31, 2020, which supported a decrease to electric customers of approximately \$15.5 million compared to the current ETAC. The Company proposed to decrease the residential ETAC rate from a credit rate of \$0.004423 to a credit rate of \$0.005275 per kWh.

For the GTAC, the Company proposed a refund from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 of approximately \$145.6 million, which when added to the Company's estimated over-collected balance with interest at December 31, 2019 of \$10.4 million, resulted in a total proposed refund to customers of approximately \$156.0 million. The proposed refund is based upon actual results through June 2019, and a forecast through December 31, 2020, which supported a decrease to gas customers of approximately \$10.1 million compared to the current GTAC. The Company proposed to decrease the residential GTAC rate from a credit rate of \$0.069574 to a credit rate of \$0.073907 per therm.

While the Company proposed overall decreases for its electric and gas customers, PSE&G's Contract Service Gas rate class will see an increase in their rates from a credit rate of \$0.001285 to a credit rate of \$0.000956. This increase is due to the amount of therms utilized by this rate class during the recovery period.

On January 9, 2020, PSE&G, Board Staff (Staff) and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel (collectively, Parties) executed a stipulation of settlement (Stipulation) requesting that the Board approve changes in the TACs on a provisional basis, subject to refund with interest, to allow the Parties sufficient time to complete their review of the September 2019 TAC Petition.

Staff recommended that the Board issue an Order approving the Stipulation of the Parties, which seeks to implement provisional rates subject to refund with interest on any net over-recovered balance in the Company's TACs components be effective as of February 1, 2020. Staff also recommended that the Board order PSE&G to file tariffs consistent with the Order by February 1, 2020.

**DECISION:** After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote: President Fiordaliso Aye

Commissioner Holden Aye
Commissioner Solomon Aye
Commissioner Chivukula Aye
Commissioner Gordon Aye

D. Docket No. ER19050552 and OAL Docket No. PUC 07548-2019 – In the Matter of the Verified Petition of Rockland Electric Company for Approval of Changes in its Electric Rates, its Tariff for Electric Service, and its Depreciation Rates, and for Other Relief.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:** On May 3, 2019, Rockland Electric Company (RECO or Company) filed a petition with the Board for approval of an increase in its operating revenues of approximately \$19.9 million, to be effective for electric service provided on or after June 2, 2019. (2019 Rate Case Petition). The Company also sought Board approval of a return on equity of 10.40% as well as implement new depreciation rates.

The Company stated that its current electric distribution rates are unjust and unreasonable as they do not produce an adequate, reasonable return on the Company's invested capital nor provide sufficient revenues to recover the Company's investment in rate base, operating expenses, financing costs, and taxes.

The Company also sought the following findings: 1) affirmation that RECO's Storm Hardening Program investments were prudent; 2) affirmation that RECO's implementation of its Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Program were prudent, including the approval of its proposal for recovery of the net book value of legacy meters; 3) affirmation that RECO may be relieved from the obligation to file an Average and Peak Cost of Service Method in future base rate cases.

By Order dated May 28, 2019, the Board suspended the proposed rate increase until October 2, 2019. On September 27, 2019, the Board further suspended the implementation of rates until February 3, 2020.

On June 3, 2019, this matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) as a contested case, and was assigned to Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Irene Jones for consideration and hearing. A telephonic pre-hearing conference was held by ALJ Jones on August 12, 2019. On August 29, 2019, a Pre-Hearing Order and Procedural Schedule were issued. Additionally, in the Pre-Hearing Order, ALJ Jones granted Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Atlantic City Electric Company, and Public Service Electric and Gas Company participant status.

On July 30, 2019, RECO updated its 2019 Rate Case Petition to include nine months of actual data and three months of estimated data. As a result, the requested rate increase was modified to approximately \$20.4 million or 9.9% on a total revenue basis. On October 29, 2019, RECO updated its 2019 Rate Case Petition to include 12 months of actual data. As a result, the requested rate increase was modified to approximately \$20.3 million or an increase of 9.5% on a total revenue basis.

On October 11, 2019, the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel (Rate Counsel) submitted direct testimonies of several witnesses in this matter. On November 15, 2019, RECO submitted rebuttal testimonies of several witnesses in response to Rate Counsel's testimonies.

On November 26, 2019, Staff requested that the OAL enter the Independent Review of RECO's AMI Business Case (Capstone Report) into the record. On November 27, 2019, Rate Counsel filed an objection letter in response to Staff's request to submit the Capstone Report into the record on both substantive and procedural grounds. On December 6, 2019, Staff filed a letter in response identifying a sponsoring witness to support the document and requesting that the Capstone Report be subject to discovery.

Throughout the course of the proceeding, the Company, Board Staff, and Rate Counsel (the Parties) held numerous discovery and settlement conferences. Following discussions, the Parties executed a stipulation of settlement (Stipulation) resolving this matter.

On January 15, 2020, ALJ Jones issued her Initial Decision in this matter approving the Stipulation, finding that the Stipulation was voluntary, consistent with the law and fully disposes of all issues in controversy.

Staff recommended that the Board issue an Order approving the Initial Decision and Stipulation for service rendered on or after February 1, 2020. Staff also recommended that the Board direct RECO to file tariffs consistent with the Board's Order by February 1, 2020.

**DECISION:** After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote: President Fiordaliso Aye

Commissioner Holden Aye
Commissioner Solomon Aye
Commissioner Chivukula Aye
Commissioner Gordon Aye

E. Docket No. ER20010003 – In the Matter of Federal Energy (FERC) Items for 2020 – FERC Docket No. EL18-178 PJM Interconnection, LLC re: 206 Proceeding to Determine Just and Reasonable Replacement Rate; and

Docket No. ER20010003 – In the Matter of Federal Energy (FERC) Items for 2020 – FERC Docket No. EL16-49 – Calpine Corporation, et al. v. PJM Interconnection, LLC.

Cynthia L. M. Holland, Esq., Director, Office of Federal and Regional Policy, presented this matter.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:** This matter involved Staff, on behalf of the Board, filing a Request for Clarification and Rehearing of the December 19, 2019 Order issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. In the Order, the Commission substantially expands PJM's Minimum Offer Price Rule (MOPR), to cover all state-sponsored resources in PJM's "RPM" capacity market. This MOPR expansion,

strenuously opposed by prior Board filings, will set administrative price floors for certain resources, raising capacity prices and potentially excluding preferred resources from RPM. The Order directly effects those resources most needed for achievement of the Energy Master Plan – new renewable resources. The Order contains myriad technical and legal errors, leading staff to request clarification and rehearing, consistent with the Board's prior positions. Staff recommended ratification of the Request for Clarification and Rehearing.

**DECISION:** After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote: President Fiordaliso Aye
Commissioner Holden Aye
Commissioner Solomon Aye

Commissioner Chivukula Aye Commissioner Gordon Aye

F. Docket No. GF19070817 – In the Matter of New Jersey Natural Gas Company for Authorization through May 31, 2022; (1) To Issue and Sell \$400,000,000.00 Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-9 Medium Term Notes; (2) To Enter Into Interest Rate Risk Management Transactions Related to any New Issuances Approved Hereunder; (3) Redeem, Refinance or Defease any of the Company's Outstanding Long-Term Debt Securities; (4) to Increase the Number of Meters that New Jersey Natural Gas Company May Include Annually as Part of the Lease Financing Program Previously Approved by the Board; and (5) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-9, to Enter into a Credit Facility Allowing the Issuance of Bank Note Obligations.

Benjamin Witherell, Chief Economist, Office of the Economist, presented this matter.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:** On July 10, 2019, New Jersey Natural Gas Company (Company) filed a petition with the Board requesting authorization through May 31, 2022 to:

- (a) (i) issue and sell pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-9, Medium-Term Notes (MTNs) with a maturity of not more than 40 years in an aggregate principal amount of not more than \$400,000,000.00; (ii) make, execute and deliver pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-9, a trust indenture, trust indentures or supplements thereto or a note purchase agreement or note purchase agreements providing for the issuance of such MTNs; (iii) make, execute and deliver pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-7, supplemental indentures providing for the issuance of MTNs in the form of a first mortgage bond or bonds with a maturity or maturities of not more than 40 years and in aggregate principal amount of not more than \$400,000,000.00 or to secure MTNs issued as described in (i) above; and (iv) make execute and deliver pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-7 such other supplemental indentures, and to issue such first mortgage bonds thereunder as shall be necessary to complete the transactions contemplated in this petition;
- (b) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-9, enter into one or more interest rate risk management transactions, including interest rate swaps and interest caps, floors and collars or other derivative agreements or arrangements with a duration of up to three years in connection with the issuance and sale of the MTNs in amount up to \$400,000,000.00;

(c) redeem, refinance or defease any of the Company's outstanding long-term debt securities, as long as the redemption, refinancing or defeasance is economically advantageous for the Company;

- (d) increase the number of gas meters available for the Company's sale-leaseback program, on a permanent basis, as previously approved by the Board (Docket No. GF17010072) from the currently authorized amount of 35,000 meters per year to 45,000 meters per year to expand the program in connection with NJNG's customer growth;
- (e) pursuant to N.J.S.A 48:3-9, to enter into a revolving credit facility with a duration for up to five years and an option for up to two additional one-year extensions beyond the original five-year duration, providing, among other things, for the issuance of promissory notes in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$400,000,000.00 at any one time outstanding; and
- (f) make, execute and deliver purchase agreements and related agreements and instruments with financial institutions (including procuring credit enhancement instruments) and take such other actions the Petitioner determines may be necessary in connection therewith as shall be necessary to complete the transactions contemplated in this Petition without further order of the Board.

The net proceeds of these transactions or series of transactions will be utilized to retire short-term debt through the issuance of long-term debt; to fund capital expenditure requirements, including, but not limited to, those related to the Petitioner's Board-approved Safety and Facility Enhancement Program II (SAFE II), New Jersey Reinvestment in System Enhancements program, the Southern Reliability Link, energy efficiency expenditures such as those made in connection with the SAVEGREEN Project, environmental remediation expenditures, other system reliability infrastructure programs; to fund pension and other post-employment benefit programs; and, potentially, to redeem, refinance or defease any of the Petitioner's indebtedness or debt securities as long as such redemption, refinancing or defeasance would be economically advantageous for the Company. The Petitioner's construction program has been financed, and it is expected that it will be financed, in part, by short-term debt, and periodically the Petitioner will replace such short-term debt with longer term financing. The financing program for which the Petitioner is seeking authorization of the Board in this Petition is comparable to the financing programs for which the Petitioner received approval of the Board.

The Office of the Economist, after review of the information submitted in this proceeding, found that the action requested is in accordance with the law and in the public interest and therefore recommended approval of this petition.

**DECISION:** After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote: President Fiordaliso Aye
Commissioner Holden Aye
Commissioner Solomon Aye
Commissioner Chivukula Aye
Commissioner Gordon Aye

# 3. CABLE TELEVISION

There were no items in this category.

#### 4. TELECOMMUNICATIONS

There were no items in this category.

#### 5. WATER

There were no items in this category.

# 6. RELIABILITY AND SECURITY

A. Docket No. GO19080883 – In the Matter of the Petition of Public Service Electric and Gas Company for Authorization to Increase the Operating Pressure on the 8 Inch Pipeline Supplying Natural Gas to the Rutgers University Busch Campus Cogeneration Facility from 245 PSIG to 350 PSIG.

James Giuliano, Director, Division of Reliability and Security presented this matter

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION: Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) constructed the 8-inch pipeline in 1995 at the request of Rutgers for the purpose of supplying natural gas service to the Rutgers Busch Campus Cogeneration facility. The pipeline serves no other customers and extends 3.2 miles from PSE&G's Meter and Regulating station on Stelton Road in South Plainfield to the Busch Campus energy facility on Davidson Road in Piscataway. The pipeline traverses both residential and commercial streets, passing a total of 69 structures that are within 100 feet of the pipeline. Because the pressure increase request is above the 250 psig threshold in N.J.A.C. 14:7-1.4, and within 100 feet of occupied buildings, Board approval is required prior to the pressure increase. Of the 69 structures, 61 are residential properties intended for human occupancy.

On August 30, 2019, PSE&G filed a petition with the Board requesting authorization to increase the operating pressure on the existing 8-inch pipeline supplying natural gas service to the Rutgers University on Busch Campus in Piscataway, New Jersey.

According to PSE&G's petition, the pressure increase to 350 psig is needed to supply the required natural gas flowrate requested by Rutgers as part of an upgrade to the Busch Campus energy facility. By letter dated January 9, 2019 Rutgers advised PSE&G of a planned upgrade to the energy facility which includes the installation of three new Combustion Turbine Generators requiring a higher flowrate delivered to the customer connection by the PSE&G pipeline.

As part of the petition review, on November 4, 2019 PSE&G held a public hearing at the Rutgers Busch Campus Student Center in Piscataway to inform the public about the proposed pressure increase and allow the public and interested parties to comment on the PSE&G proposal. Notice of the public hearing was published in a newspaper having broad circulation in the PSE&G service territory. All properties within 100 feet of the pipeline were also notified of the place and time of the public hearing via certified mail.

The public hearing took place between 6:00-8:00 p.m. and was attended by PSE&G officials, Board Staff and members of the public.

Several members of the public also attended the public hearing and two individuals who reside near the pipeline route asked questions about the pipeline. The questions were focused on the pipeline route and its proximity to residential homes and the safety procedures that PSE&G would use during the pressure increase. PSE&G provided responses to all the questions to the satisfactory of the two individuals. There were no comments in opposition to the proposed pressure increase presented during the hearing.

After review of the documents submitted, Staff found that the requested pressure increase to 350 psig is still significantly below its Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure of 685 psig and also significantly below the previous hydrostatic pressure tests of the pipeline. Staff also found the maintenance of the pipeline to be in compliance with both the Federal Code and the Board's Pipeline Safety rules. Therefore, Staff recommended that the Board approve PSE&G's request to increase pressure on the 8-inch pipeline supplying natural gas service to the Rutgers energy facility from 245 psig to 350 psig.

**DECISION:** After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote: President Fiordaliso Aye

Commissioner Holden Aye
Commissioner Solomon Aye
Commissioner Chivukula Aye
Commissioner Gordon Aye

# 7. CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE

There were no items in this category.

# 8. CLEAN ENERGY

A. Docket No. QO19121511 – In the Matter of the Clean Energy Program Authorization of Commercial and Industrial Program Energy Efficiency Incentives Exceeding \$500,000.00 – Riverwalk C Urban Renewal Associates, LLC.

Benjamin Goldstein, Program Specialist, Division of Clean Energy, presented this matter.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION: This matter involved Riverwalk C Urban Renewal Associates LLC (Applicant, Company) submitting an application under the Fiscal Year 2017 Pay For Performance – New Construction (P4P – NC) Program Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program Plan Filing for Fiscal Year 2017. The Company requested Board approval of a financial incentive of \$598,779.99 for installation of energy conservation measures (ECMs) at 17 Avenue at Port Imperial, West New York, NJ. The project has a total cost of \$7,060,998.00, as well as an incremental cost of \$842,848.00 compared to a code compliant project.

The proposed project location is a new high-rise residential community (Port Imperial Building C) which will consist of 360 residential units throughout 11 stories and a basement floor. The building will support multiple uses, including parking, amenity areas, office areas, storage, and building support, as well as host the numerous residential units. Port Imperial Building C aims to achieve the LEED Silver standard by utilizing significantly less energy than would be utilized under code. The list of ECMs the Applicant proposed to install are as follows:

- Improved wall insulation;
- Improved roof insulation;
- High performance window glazing;
- LED lighting and controls;
- EnergyStar appliances;
- High efficiency air-to-air heat pumps (in unit);
- High efficiency hot water heaters (in unit);
- Low flow fixtures;
- High efficiency HVAC units;
- Variable refrigerant flow heat pumps;
- High efficiency fan coil units;
- High efficiency elevators; and
- Garage demand control ventilation.

The project is anticipated to conserve 1,205,535 kWh of electricity annually and reduce the building's peak demand by 119.1 kW per year. Additionally, the proposed project will yield an estimated annual energy cost savings of \$103,097.00. These figures are relative to the ASHRAE 90.1-2013 code baseline. The payback period without incentives is 8.2 years; when factoring in the incentives, the payback period is reduced to 2.4 years. Please note that the payback period here refers just to the incremental cost of adding these ECMs, not the project as a whole.

Based on the certifications and the information provided by the Program Manager and Program Administrator, Staff recommended approval of the application for the total estimated incentive amount of \$598,779.99 and issuance of a standard commitment letter to the applicant, setting forth the terms and conditions of this commitment.

**DECISION:** After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote: President Fiordaliso Aye

Commissioner Holden Aye
Commissioner Solomon Aye
Commissioner Chivukula Aye
Commissioner Gordon Aye

Ronald Jackson, Research Scientist, Division of Clean Energy, presented these matters.

B. Docket No. QO19080913 – In the Matter of Request for Waiver of SREC Registration Rules at N.J.A.C. 14:8-2.4(i) – New Brunswick Board of Education, Lincoln Annex – Large.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:** On November 26, 2019, GSPP Onyx New Brunswick, LLC (GSPP or Petitioner) submitted a Petition to the Board requesting an additional two and one half (2.5) month third extension to the project construction completion deadline for its Solar Renewable Energy Credit (SREC) Registration Program (SRP) application. This project is located on a carport at the New Brunswick Board of Education (NBBOE) Lincoln Annex - Large and is one of five NBBOE projects for which the Petitioner sought an SRP extension.

The Petitioner had previously petitioned the Board for and been granted a second extension through November 14, 2019. In its November 26<sup>th</sup> petition, GSPP stated that "[d]ue to the necessity to receive Permission to Operate (PTO) for the systems before the end of the year to claim the Investment Tax Credit . . . . [GSPP] had to refile for the ten year SREC [qualifying life], losing claim on the fifteen year SREC [qualifying life]." GSPP submitted the new SRP application on December 17, 2019. Petition thus possesses a new active and non-expired SRP application.

On December 11, 2019, GSPP received an email from Public Service Electric and Gas Company stating that the Project had a PTO effective December 9, 2019. However, the Petitioner did not inform Staff of this approval until January 10, 2020.

However, notwithstanding having refiled, the Petitioner requested a third extension for the original application that would extend the deadline to January 31, 2020. Should the system receive its PTO by that date, the Petitioner asks that the original application and associated fifteen year qualifying life be "re-activated." The Petitioner supports its request for a third extension with the claim that during the pendency of its second petition it encountered delays from the town of New Brunswick's electrical permitting process that were "outside of our control."

Staff recommended that the Board find that since the Petitioner had refiled an application with the SRP and that application has been accepted, the Board will not "reactivate" the original application which has now both expired and been superseded by the new application. Should the Board decide to consider the request for the third extension, Staff recommended that the Board find that a delay occasioned by a town's permitting process is not sufficient to justify a third extension.

**DECISION:** After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Fiordaliso	Aye
	Commissioner Holden	Aye
	<b>Commissioner Solomon</b>	Aye
	Commissioner Chivukula	Aye
	Commissioner Gordon	Áve

C. Docket No. QO19080914 – In the Matter of Request for Waiver of SREC Registration Rules at N.J.A.C. 14:8-2.4(i) – New Brunswick Board of Education, Lincoln Annex – Small.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:** On November 26, 2019, GSPP Onyx New Brunswick, LLC (GSPP or Petitioner) submitted a Petition to the Board requesting an additional two and one half (2.5) month third extension to the project construction completion deadline for its Solar Renewable Energy Credit (SREC) Registration Program (SRP) application. This project is located on a carport at the New Brunswick Board of Education (NBBOE) Lincoln Annex - Small and is one of five NBBOE projects for which the Petitioner sought an SRP extension.

The Petitioner had previously petitioned the Board for and been granted a second extension through November 14, 2019. In its November 26<sup>th</sup> petition, GSPP stated that "[d]ue to the necessity to receive Permission to Operate (PTO) for the systems before the end of the year to claim the Investment Tax Credit . . . . [GSPP] had to refile for the ten year SREC [qualifying life], losing claim on the fifteen year SREC [qualifying life]." GSPP submitted the new SRP application on December 6, 2019 and the SRP issued acceptance letter for the refiled applications on December 17, 2019. Petition thus possesses a new active and non-expired SRP application.

However, notwithstanding having refiled, the Petitioner requested a third extension for the original application that would extend the deadline to January 31, 2020. Should the system receive its PTO by that date, the Petitioner asks that the original application and associated fifteen year qualifying life be "re-activated." The Petitioner supports its request for a third extension with the claim that during the pendency of its second petition it encountered delays from the town of New Brunswick's electrical permitting process that were "outside of our control."

Staff recommended that the Board find that since the Petitioner had refiled an application with the SRP and that application has been accepted, the Board will not "reactivate" the original application which has now both expired and been superseded by the new application. Should the Board decide to consider the request for the third extension, Staff recommended that the Board find that a delay occasioned by a town's permitting process is not sufficient to justify a third extension.

**DECISION:** After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote: President Fiordaliso Aye

Commissioner Holden Aye
Commissioner Solomon Aye
Commissioner Chivukula Aye
Commissioner Gordon Aye

D. Docket No. QO19080915 – In the Matter of Request for Waiver of SREC Registration Rules at N.J.A.C. 14:8-2.4(i) – New Brunswick Board of Education Administration.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:** On November 26, 2019, GSPP Onyx New Brunswick, LLC (GSPP or Petitioner) submitted a Petition requesting an additional two and one half (2.5) month third extension to the project construction completion deadline for its Solar Renewable Energy Credit (SREC) Registration Program (SRP) application. This project is located on a carport at the New Brunswick Board of Education (NBBOE) Administration Building and is one of five NBBOE projects for which the Petitioner sought an SRP extension.

The Petitioner had previously petitioned the Board for and been granted a second extension through November 14, 2019. In its November 26<sup>th</sup> petition, GSPP stated that "[d]ue to the necessity to receive Permission to Operate (PTO) for the systems before the end of the year to claim the Investment Tax Credit . . . . [GSPP] had to refile for the ten year SREC [qualifying life], losing claim on the fifteen year SREC [qualifying life]." GSPP submitted the new SRP application on December 6, 2019 and the SRP issued acceptance letters for the refiled applications on December 17, 2019. The Petitioner thus possesses a new active and non-expired SRP application.

On December 11, 2019, GSPP received an email from Public Service Electric and Gas Company stating that the project had a PTO effective December 9, 2019. However, Petitioner did not inform Staff of this approval until January 10, 2020.

However, notwithstanding having refiled, the Petitioner requested a third extension for the original application that would extend the deadline to January 31, 2020. Should the system receive its PTO by that date, the Petitioner asks that the original application and associated fifteen year qualifying life be "re-activated." The Petitioner supports its request for a third extension with the claim that during the pendency of its second petition it encountered delays from the town of New Brunswick's electrical permitting process that were "outside of our control.

Staff recommended that the Board find that since the Petitioner had refiled an application with the SRP and that application has been accepted, the Board will not "reactivate" the original application which has now both expired and been superseded by the new application. Should the Board decide to consider the request for the third extension, Staff recommended that the Board find that a delay occasioned by a town's permitting process is not sufficient to justify a third extension.

**DECISION:** After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote: President Fiordaliso Aye

Commissioner Holden Aye
Commissioner Solomon Aye
Commissioner Chivukula Aye
Commissioner Gordon Aye

E. Docket No. QO19080916 – In the Matter of Request for Waiver of SREC Registration Rules at N.J.A.C. 14:8-2.4(i) – New Brunswick Board of Education High School.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:** On November 26, 2019, GSPP Onyx New Brunswick, LLC (GSPP or Petitioner) submitted a Petition requesting an additional two and one half (2.5) month third extension to the project construction completion deadline for its Solar Renewable Energy Credit (SREC) Registration Program (SRP) application. This project is located on a carport at the New Brunswick Board of Education (NBBOE) New Brunswick High School and is one of five NBBOE projects for which the Petitioner sought an SRP extension.

The Petitioner had previously petitioned the Board for and been granted a second extension through November 14, 2019. In its November 26<sup>th</sup> petition, GSPP stated that "[d]ue to the necessity to receive Permission to Operate (PTO) for the systems before the end of the year to claim the Investment Tax Credit . . . . [GSPP] had to refile for the ten year SREC [qualifying life], losing claim on the fifteen year SREC [qualifying life]." GSPP submitted the new SRP application on December 6, 2019 and the SRP issued an acceptance letter for the refiled application on December 17, 2019. The Petitioner thus possesses a new active and non-expired SRP application.

On December 9, 2019, GSPP received an email from Public Service Electric and Gas Company stating that the Project had a PTO effective December 3, 2019. However, the Petitioner did not inform Staff of this approval until January 10, 2020.

However, notwithstanding having refiled, the Petitioner requested a third extension for the original application that would extend the deadline to January 31, 2020. Should the system receive its PTO by that date, the Petitioner asks that the original application and associated fifteen year qualifying life be "re-activated." The Petitioner supports its request for a third extension with the claim that during the pendency of its second petition it encountered delays from the town of New Brunswick's electrical permitting process that were "outside of our control."

Staff recommended that the Board find that since the Petitioner had refiled an application with the SRP and that application has been accepted, the Board will not "reactivate" the original application which has now both expired and been superseded by the new application. Should the Board decide to consider the request for the third extension, Staff recommended that the Board find that a delay occasioned by a town's permitting process is not sufficient to justify a third extension.

**DECISION:** After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote: President Fiordaliso Aye
Commissioner Holden Aye
Commissioner Solomon Aye

Commissioner Chivukula Aye
Commissioner Gordon Aye

F. Docket No. QO19080917 – In the Matter of Request for Waiver of SREC Registration Rules at N.J.A.C. 14:8-2.4(i) – New Brunswick Board of Education Middle School.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:** On November 26, 2019, GSPP Onyx New Brunswick, LLC (GSPP or Petitioner) submitted a Petition requesting a third extension for an additional two and one half (2.5) month to the project construction completion deadline for its Solar Renewable Energy Credit (SREC) Registration Program (SRP) application. This project is located on a carport at the New Brunswick Board of Education (NBBOE) Middle School and is one of five NBBOE projects for which the Petitioner sought an SRP extension.

The Petitioner had previously petitioned the Board for and been granted a second extension through November 14, 2019. In its November 26<sup>th</sup> petition, GSPP stated that "[d]ue to the necessity to receive Permission to Operate (PTO) for the systems before the end of the year to claim the Investment Tax Credit . . . . [GSPP] had to refile for the ten year SREC [qualifying life], losing claim on the fifteen year SREC [qualifying life]." GSPP submitted the new SRP registration application on December 6, 2019 and the SRP issued an acceptance letter for the refiled application on December 17, 2019. The Petitioner thus possesses a new active and non-expired SRP application.

On December 9, 2019, GSPP received an email from Public Service Electric and Gas Company stating that the Project had a PTO effective December 3, 2019. However, the Petitioner did not inform Staff of this approval until January 10, 2020.

However, notwithstanding having refiled, the Petitioner requested a third extension for the original application that would extend the deadline to January 31, 2020. Should the system receive its PTO by that date, the Petitioner asks that the original application and associated fifteen year qualifying life be "re-activated." The Petitioner supports its request for a third extension with the claim that during the pendency of its second petition it encountered delays from the town of New Brunswick's electrical permitting process that were "outside of our control."

Staff recommended that the Board find that since the Petitioner had refiled an application with the SRP and that application has been accepted, the Board will not "reactivate" the original application which has now both expired and been superseded by the new application. Should the Board decide to consider the request for the third extension, Staff recommended that the Board find that a delay occasioned by a town's permitting process is not sufficient to justify a third extension.

**DECISION:** After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote: President Fiordaliso Aye

Commissioner Holden Aye Commissioner Solomon Aye Commissioner Chivukula Aye Commissioner Gordon Aye

G. Docket No. QO18040433 – In the Matter of the Litigation Review – Executive Session.

Michael R. Beck, Deputy Attorney General, Division of Law, Presented this matter.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:** This matter was first discussed in executive session, and there was no action required by the Board. It was the review of the pending litigation. No votes were necessary.

H. Docket No. QO20010035 – In the Matter of Approving Applications and Authorizing the Disbursement of Funds for the Clean Fleet Electric Vehicle Incentive Program.

Ashley-Lynn Chrzaszcz, Clean Energy Specialist, Division of Clean Energy, presented this matter.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:** On April 18, 2019, the Board considered and approved Staff's recommendation to allocate \$200,000.00 to the Board Clean Energy Budget for the development and implementation of an electric vehicle (EV) incentive program. In addition to the \$200,000.00 from the United States Department of Energy (USDOE), \$10,000.00 was added from the remaining funds from the Compressed Natural Gas Vehicle Program. Consequently, there was a total amount of \$210,000.00 for an electric vehicle incentive program. The funding from the USDOE needs to be committed and expended by June 30, 2020.

In accordance with the Board's Order (April 18, 2019) directing Staff to develop an EV and associated charging infrastructure program, the Program was created to support the adoption of battery electric vehicles by local government authorities. The Program opened on December 1, 2019 and has begun to receive applications. The Program is aided by the addition of EVs to the New Jersey State Purchasing Contract under Award T0099. The intent of the Program is to give local government authorities the ability to purchase EVs at the State Purchasing Contract price, while also receiving support from the Board, providing local government authorities the opportunity to become leaders in the EV sphere and expand charging infrastructure accessibility for their residents. The maximum that each applicant is able to apply for is two eligible battery electric vehicles and one dual-port level-two EV charging station. The incentive program would award grants as follows:

- \$1,500.00 toward the purchase of one dual-port level-two charging station; and/or
- \$4,000.00 toward the purchase of each battery electric vehicle (maximum of two).

Staff recommended that the Board approve applications for the Lawrence Township Plainsboro Township for \$4,000.00 each to aid in purchase of one battery electric vehicle and grant Budget and Fiscal the ability to disburse the grants associated with these applicants in accordance with the Board's procedures.

**DECISION:** After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote: President Fiordaliso Aye

Commissioner Holden Aye
Commissioner Solomon Aye
Commissioner Chivukula Aye
Commissioner Gordon Aye

#### 9. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Docket No. EO20010009 – In the Matter of the Board of Public Utilities' Request for Response Regarding a Study of Its Energy Assistance Programs – Executive Session.

Maureen Clerc, USF Team, presented this matter.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:** This matter was first discussed in Executive Session. On August 7, 2019, the Board directed Staff to initiate a comprehensive study of the Board's Energy Assistance Program.

Staff requested authorization to release a request for response, or RFR, to solicit bids for conducting a study and evaluation of the following four programs:

- The Universal Service Fund;
- The Fresh Start Program;
- The Payment Assistance for Gas and Electric Program; and
- The Temporary Relief for Utility Expenses Program.

The study will provide conclusions regarding the effectiveness and efficiency of the programs and also provide recommendations regarding best practices for maximizing accessibility and enrollment, as well as if the programs can be better integrated.

If the Board authorizes the release of the RFR, staff plans to return to the Board with a recommended bidder at the March 25, 2020 Board meeting. Staff recommended that the Board authorized staff to release the request for response.

**DECISION:** After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote: President Fiordaliso Aye

Commissioner Holden Aye Commissioner Solomon Aye Commissioner Chivukula Aye Commissioner Gordon Aye

B. Docket No. GO20010033 – In the Matter of Natural Gas Commodity and Delivery Capacities in the State of New Jersey – Investigation of the Current and Mid-Term Future Supply and Demand.

This matter was deferred to the February 5, 2020 agenda.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

After appropriate motion, the following matters, which involved pending litigation attorney/client privilege and contract negotiation pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act at N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)7 was discussed in Executive Session.

- 8. CLEAN ENERGY
  - G. Docket No. QO18040433 In the Matter of the Litigation Review.

The substance of this discussion shall remain confidential except to the extent that making the discussion public is not inconsistent with law.

- 9. MISCELLANEOUS
  - A. Docket No. EO20010009 In the Matter of the Board of Public Utilities' Request for Response Regarding a Study of Its Energy Assistance Programs.

The substance of this discussion shall remain confidential except to the extent that making the discussion public is not inconsistent with law.

After appropriate motion, the Board reconvened to Open Session.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

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Date: February 19, 2020