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

A regular board meeting of the new Jersey Board of Public Utilities was held on March 20th, 2024 and at the Board's Hearing Room at 44 South Clinton Avenue, Trenton and via online @ [https://www.youtube.com/live/00Tm\\_CmuZnA?si=HVNS79yIf5Y3trxc](https://www.youtube.com/live/00Tm_CmuZnA?si=HVNS79yIf5Y3trxc)

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

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

President Guhl-Sadovy, President  
Commissioner Christodoulou, Commissioner  
Commissioner Abdou, Commissioner  
Commissioner Bange, Commissioner

President Guhl-Sadovy presided at the meeting and Sherri L. Golden, Secretary of the Board, carried out the duties of the Secretary.

It was also announced that the next regular Board Meeting will be held on April 17th, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. and would be a hybrid meeting at the Board's Hearing Room at 44 South Clinton Avenue, Trenton and livestreamed via YouTube.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

After appropriate motion, the following matters, which involved N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7) attorney-client privilege and/or contract negotiations exceptions, were discussed in Executive Session.

### 9. MISCELLANEOUS

#### **A. Docket No. EO23110794 – In the Matter of a Request for Quotation ("RFQ") Related to the Conduct of a Rate Design and Policy Study Regarding Driving Equity in the Clean Energy Transition.**

**BACKGROUND:** On December 6, 2023, the Board directed Staff to issue the RFQ to solicit bid proposals to hire a contractor to conduct a rate design and policy study regarding driving equity in the clean energy transition. The RFQ was issued on January 26, 2024 to six (6) vendors identified by Staff as capable of performing the Scope of Work.

An evaluation committee ("Evaluation Committee") comprised of Staff from several divisions met on March 1, 2024 for the purpose of evaluating and scoring the Quote.

The Evaluation Committee was formed to review, evaluate, and discuss the proposal and to reach a recommendation for award of the Driving Equity in the Clean Energy Transition Study consulting contract. The Committee consisted of members of the Office of the Economist, Office of Clean Energy Equity, and Division of Rates and Revenue. Staff recommended the Board approve the selection of The Brattle Group for a contract price of \$310,850 and to execute a contract for services as described in the RFQ and Scope of Work and schedule in the Quote.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### I. AUDITS

#### A. Energy Agent, Private Aggregator and/or Energy Consultant Initial Registrations

EE23120921L	Left Lane Enterprises Inc.	I – EA
EE23120920L	T&E Solutions Inc.	I – EA
EE20080547L	L5E, LLC d/b/a 5	I – EC
GE23120909L	Stanwich Energy Advisors	LLC I – EC

#### Energy Agent, Private Aggregator and/or Energy Consultant Renewal Registrations

EE20020115L Aspen Energy Corporation R – EA

**BACKGROUND:** In accordance with the rule amendments, an energy agent, private aggregator, or energy consultant registration shall not expire so long as a registration renewal fee accompanied by an annual information update form is submitted to the Board within 30 days prior to the registrant’s annual anniversary date. Any registration renewal application that was filed prior to the effective date of the licensing and registration rule amendments, September 20, 2021, has been, and will continue to, be processed by Board Staff (“Staff”) for approval or denial in accordance with N.J.A.C. 14:4-5.9. The anniversary date for companies with a pending application will be the date that the renewal application receives Board approval. Annually thereafter, licensed electric power suppliers and natural gas suppliers, as well as energy agents, private aggregators, and energy consultants, are required to timely file annual information update forms and renewal fees for their licenses and registrations in order to continue to do business in New Jersey. N.J.S.A. 48:3-78 to -79; N.J.A.C. 14:4-5.6 to -5.7; N.J.A.C. 14:4-5.8 to -5.9, and N.J.A.C. 14:4-5.11.

Staff recommended that the following applicants be issued initial registrations as an energy agent, private aggregator and/or energy consultant:

- Left Lane Enterprises Inc.
- T&E Solutions Inc.
- L5E, LLC d/b/a 5
- Stanwich Energy Advisors, LLC

In addition, Staff recommended that the following applicant be issued a renewal registration as an energy agent:

- Aspen Energy Corporation

## II. ENERGY

### **A. Docket No. EF23060339 – In the Matter of the Petition of Jersey Central Power & Light Company for Authority to Issue and Sell Up to \$700,000,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of Senior Notes In One or More Series and to Make, Execute and Deliver One or More Supplemental Indentures in Connection Therewith.**

**BACKGROUND:** On June 5, 2023, Jersey Central Power & Light Company (“JCP&L” or “Company”), submitted a petition to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-9 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.9, requesting approval to issue and sell, in one or more series from time to time through December 31, 2025, notes (“New Senior Notes”) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$700,000,000 (“Petition”).

According to the Petition, the purpose of the issuance of the New Senior Notes is to provide a portion of the permanent financing required by the Company to provide safe, adequate and proper service to the public.

On November 22, 2023, the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel (“Rate Counsel”) submitted a letter stating that they did not object to the Company’s petition. The letter included a recommendation that the Board should consider ordering JCP&L to lower the interest rates that its customers pay. On December 7, 2023, JCP&L submitted a letter requesting the Board reject Rate Counsel’s recommendation. On January 5, 2023, Rate Counsel responded to JCP&L’s letter by stating that JCP&L’s argument was unpersuasive.

The Office of the Economist after review of the information submitted in this proceeding, determined that the action requested is in accordance with the law and in the public interest and recommended approval of the Petition, subject to certain conditions.

## III. CABLE TELEVISIONS

There were no items in this category.

## IV. TELECOMMUNICATIONS

### **A. Docket No. TE23070457- In the Matter of Petition of TEMPO TELECOM, LLC for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in the State of New Jersey.**

**BACKGROUND:** On July 21, 2023, TEMPO TELECOM, LLC (“TEMPO” or “Company”), filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) requesting designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) to provide Lifeline service to qualifying New Jersey consumers (“Petition”). By the Petition, TEMPO sought ETC designation solely for the purpose of providing Lifeline service and will not seek access to funds from the federal Universal Service Fund (“USF”) for participation in the Link-Up program or for providing service to high-cost areas.

TEMPO demonstrated and certified that the Company meets all the statutory and regulatory requirements including those in the FCC's Lifeline and Link Up Reform Order of February 6, 2012, Lifeline Modernization Order of April 27, 2016, and Lifeline Order of December 1, 2017.

By letter dated February 5, 2024, the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel submitted a comment letter of non-opposition to the request by TEMPO for ETC designation.

Staff recommended approval of the Petition for designation of TEMPO as an ETC in the State of New Jersey.

**B. Docket No. TE23060394 - In the Matter of Petition of TERRACOM INC. d/b/a MAXSIP TEL for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in the State of New Jersey.**

**BACKGROUND:** On June 19, 2023, TERRACOM INC. d/b/a MAXSIP TEL ("TERRACOM" or "Company"), filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") requesting designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") to provide Lifeline service to qualifying New Jersey consumers ("Petition"). By the Petition, TERRACOM indicated that it would not seek access to funds from the federal Universal Service Fund ("USF") for participation in the Link-Up program or for providing service to high-cost areas.

TERRACOM demonstrated and certified that they met all the statutory and regulatory requirements including those in the FCC's Lifeline and Link Up Reform Order of February 6, 2012, Lifeline Modernization Order of April 27, 2016, and Lifeline Order of December 1, 2017.

By letter dated January 31, 2024, the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel submitted a comment letter of non-opposition to the request by TERRACOM for ETC designation.

Following review of the record in the proceeding, Board Staff recommended that the Board approve the Petition for designation of TERRACOM as an ETC in the State of New Jersey.

**V. WATER**

**A. Docket Nos. WR23110790 OAL PUC 13875-23- In the Matter of the Petition of Veolia Water New Jersey Inc. for Approval of an Increase in Rates for Water/Sewer Service and Other Tariff Changes**

**BACKGROUND:** On November 9, 2023, Veolia Water New Jersey, Inc. filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") seeking approval of an increase in its base rates of approximately \$63.926 million, or 19.57% for services rendered on and after December 9, 2023.

By Order dated December 6, 2023, the Board suspended the proposed rates until April 9, 2024. This matter was subsequently transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for hearings as a contested case.

Board Staff ("Staff") recommended that the Board issue an Order further suspending the proposed rate increase until August 9, 2024.

**B. Docket No. WR24030179 - In the Matter of the Petition of Fayson Lake Water Company for Approval of an Increase in Rates and Other Appropriate Relief**

**BACKGROUND:** On March 12, 2024, Fayson Lake Water Company (“Fayson Lake” or “Company”) filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) seeking approval of an increase in its base rates for water service of approximately \$262,048 for services rendered on and after April 11, 2024.

Board Staff (“Staff”) recommended that the Board issue an Order suspending the proposed rate increase until August 11, 2024. Staff also recommends that this matter be transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for hearings as a contested case.

**VI. RELIABILITY AND SECURITY**

**A. Docket Nos. AS24020077K, AS24020078K, GS24020079K, GS24020080K, GS24020081K, WS24020082K, GS24020083K, GS24020084K, GS24020085K, TS24020086K, GS24020087K, GS24020088K, GS24020089K, GS24020090K, GS24020091K, AS24020093K, ES24020094K, GS24020095K, ES24020096K, GS24020097K, GS24020098K, GS24020099K, GS24020100K, GS24020101K, GS24020102K, GS24020103K, GS16040358K, and GS18111229K - In the Matter of Alleged Violations of the Underground Facility Protection Act, N.J.S.A. 48:2-73 et seq.**

**BACKGROUND:** This matter involves settlements of alleged violations of the Underground Facility Protection Act (“Act”) by both excavators and operators of underground facilities. This matter does not contain settlements involving catastrophic situations, death, or major property damage. The categories of infraction include, not having a valid mark out at the time of excavation and failure to properly mark. There are 28 settlements in the attached Appendix, which total \$79,500.

**VII. CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE**

There were no items in this category.

**VIII. CLEAN ENERGY**

**A. Docket No. QO24010016 – In the Matter of P.L. 2023, c. 158, an Act that Extends Deadlines, Under Certain Circumstances, for Completion and Commercial Operation of Certain Solar Electric Power Generation Facilities Notification and Certification of Tolling Event and Agreement Processing by PJM Interconnection LLC (“PJM”);**

**Docket No. QO21050795 – Hamms Landfill Solar Farm, LLC – Solar Act Subsection (t), Block 14, Lot 33.01;**

**Docket No. QO21050858 – Oxford Mill Solar Farm Application for Subsection (“t”) Solar Act, Block 33, Lots 4.02 and 4.03;**

**Docket No. QO20100660 – Southern Ocean Waretown Solar Farm, LLC – Subsection (t), Block 6, Lots 4.04 & 4.05; Block 7, Lots 1.01, 2, 3, 5 & 6.01;  
Docket No. QO21081092 – Port Belford Solar Farm – Subsection (t) Solar Act Application, Block 306, Lot 66, Bedford Landfill Middletown Township, Monmouth County;**

**Docket No. QO21081092 – Port Belford Solar Farm – Subsection (t) Solar Act Application, Block 306, Lot 66, Bedford Landfill Middletown Township, Monmouth County;**

**Docket No. QO21081091 – CEP Renewables Vineland Newfield Solar Farm LLC;**

**Docket No. QO21081093 – Changewater Solar Farm – Subsection (t) Solar Act Application, Block 82, Lot 16, 180 E. Asbury-Anderson Road, Washington Township, Warren County; and**

**Docket No. QO21081096 – CEP Renewables Heritage Solar Farm LLC.**

**BACKGROUND:** On January 4, 2024, CEP Renewables, LLC, filed a Notification and Certification of Tolling Events (“Certification”), seeking a two (2) year extension of deadlines for completion and commercial operation of seven solar electric power generation facilities that had received conditional certification in the Transition Incentive Program pursuant to Subsection (t) of the Solar Act of 2012, pursuant to P.L. 2023, c.158.

On the basis of the information provided in the certification, Staff recommended that the Board accept the certification in full satisfaction of the requirements set forth in P.L. 2023, c.158, and extend the deadline by two (2) years for each of the seven projects.

**IX. MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. Approval for the December 6, 2023 Minutes**
- Approval for the December 20, 2023 Minutes.**

**After appropriate motion, consent agenda items IA, IIA, IVA, IVB, VA, VB, VIA, VIIIA**

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>President Guhl-Sadovy</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Christodoulou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Abdou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Bange</b>	<b>Aye</b>

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

**After appropriate motion, consent agenda items IXA**

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>President Guhl-Sadovy</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Christodoulou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Abdou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Bange</b>	<b>Abstain</b>

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



## AGENDA

### 1. AUDITS

There were no items in this category.

### 2. ENERGY

#### **A. Docket No. EM24010018 - In the Matter of the Petition of Jersey Central Power & Light Company for Approval to Extend Participation in a Subscription Agreement and Multi-Subscriber Addendum for Spare Transmission Equipment Services as Provided by an Affiliated Entity, Grid Assurance, LLC Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-7.1 and N.J.A.C. 14:4-3.1**

**Dean Taklif, Director, Division of Energy**, presented in this matter.

**BACKGROUND:** On January 9, 2024, Jersey Central Power and Light Company filed a petition with the Board seeking approval to extend its participation in a Subscription Agreement with Grid Assurance, LLC for spare transmission equipment services for an additional five-year term and with automatic renewals not requiring Board approval. Additionally, the company requested that in the interim the Board issue an order authorizing the company to continue operating under the terms of the agreement until the Board issues a final decision and order in this matter.

The Board approved the initial five-year term of the Subscription Agreement by order dated February 27th of 2019. By that order, the Board authorized the Subscription Agreement for an initial term of five, for an initial five-year term with an expiration date in March of 2024. In their petition, JCP&L noted that extending the term of the agreement would enable the company to continue provide safe and adequate and proper service to its customers. The agreement would protect the company's electric transmission systems by increasing its supply options and the resources available to mitigate the risk of long-term outages associated with both catastrophic and non-catastrophic events. The company further noted that continued participation in the Subscription Agreement would allow JCP&L to access Grid Assurance's inventory of long lead time transmission equipment under a discretionary sale of inventoried spares, even in the absence of a qualifying event as defined by the agreement.

While Board Staff continues to review the changes to the Subscription Agreement in this petition, an interim order extending the prior agreement would allow JCP&L to maintain uninterrupted participation in the Subscription Agreement and their access to transmission equipment should the need arise.

At this time Staff recommends that the Board issue an order authorizing JCP&L to continue operating under the terms of the Subscription Agreement until the Board issues a final decision and order in this matter.

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

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>President Guhl- Sadovy</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Christodoulou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Abdou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Bange</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**B. Docket No. ER24010066 - In the Matter of the Provision of Basic Generation Service for the Period Beginning June 1, 2023 Compliance Tariff Filing Reflecting Changes to Schedule 12 Charges in PJM Open Access Transmission Tariff**

**Stacy Peterson, Dep. Executive Director,** presented in this matter.

**BACKGROUND:** On January 26 the electric distribution companies filed a joint petition requesting recovery of FERC approved changes in firm transmission service-related charges. Based upon the allocation of these charges, the monthly bill for a residential customer using 650 kWh will change by the following amounts: a decrease of \$1.06 for ACE; an increase of \$1.58 for JCP&L; a decrease of 49 cents for PSE&G; and an increase of \$4.10 for Rockland.

Staff recommends the Board approve the changes to the BGS transmission rates effective April 1. Staff further recommends the Board authorize the EDCs to collect from or refund to BGS customers the costs associated with the FERC approved changes and waive the 30-day filing requirement. Finally, Staff recommend the Board direct the EDCs to file revised tariffs by April 1.

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

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>President Guhl-Sadovy</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Christodoulou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Abdou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Bange</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**C. Docket Nos. GR23010009 & ER23010010 - In the Matter of the Petition of Public Service Electric and Gas Company for Approval of Changes in its Electric and Gas Societal Benefits Charge**

**Stacy Peterson, Dep. Executive Director,** presented in this matter.

**BACKGROUND:** On January 9th of 2023, PSE&G filed a petition seeking review and approval of certain components of the company's electric and gas societal benefits charges. Specifically, the energy efficiency and renewable energy and social programs component. Through the course of the proceeding PS updated the petition to include actual information through February of 2023. Following review of the petition, updates, and conducting discovery, the parties have now executed a stipulation resolving the matter.

Based on the stipulation, PS would modify the EE and RE component of its electric and gas SBC rates consistent with the petition. With respect to the social programs component, PSE&G will continue to defer \$77.9 million as agreed to in previous SBC proceedings and implement a

modified rate designed to recover an additional \$40.7 million. A prudence review of the \$77.9 million will occur in PSE&G's COVID-19 deferral proceeding.

Based on the stipulation, a typical electric residential customer will see a monthly increase of 42 cents and a typical residential gas customer will see a monthly increase of \$1.06.

Staff recommends the Board issue an order approving the stipulation and directing PS to file revised tariffs by April 1.

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

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>President Guhl-Sadovy</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Christodoulou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Abdou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Bange</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**D. Docket No. GR23090672 - In the Matter of the Petition of New Jersey Natural Gas Company for the Annual Review and Revision of Societal Benefits Charge Factors for Remediation Year 2023**

**Stacy Peterson, Dep. Executive Director,** presented in this matter.

**BACKGROUND:** On September 11, 2023 New Jersey Natural Gas Company filed a petition seeking approval to modify the Remediation Adjustment and New Jersey Clean Energy program component of its societal benefits charge. New Jersey Natural also sought recovery of its remediation expenditures incurred from July 2022 through June of 2023. The petition was subsequently updated to include actual expenditures for remediation year 2023 and to update the proposed rate components.

The parties have executed a stipulation that requested the company be authorized to implement the revised component rate consistent with the update. As a result, a typical residential heating customer will see an increase of \$1.14 per month.

Staff recommends the Board approve the stipulation and direct New Jersey Natural to file revised tariffs by April 1.

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

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>President Guhl-Sadovy</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Christodoulou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Abdou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Bange</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**E. Docket No. ER23020057 - In the Matter of the Petition of Atlantic City Electric Company to Reconcile and Update the Level of Its Non-Utility Generation Charge and Its Societal Benefits (2023)**

Stacy Peterson, Dep. Executive Director, presented in this matter.

**BACKGROUND:** On February 1, 2023 Atlantic City Electric filed a petition seeking approval of changes to its Non-Utility Generation Charge and the Clean Energy program and Uncollectible Accounts components of its Societal Benefits Charge. Following review of the petition, updates, and several discussions among the parties, the parties have executed a stipulation resolving the matter. As a result of the stipulation, a typical residential customer will see a monthly decrease of approximately 25 cents.

Staff recommends the Board issue an order approving the stipulation and direct ACE to file revised tariffs by April 1.

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

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>President Guhl-Sadovy</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Christodoulou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Abdou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Bange</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**F. Docket No. ER23120911 - In the Matter of the Petition of Public Service Electric and Gas Company for Approval of a Change to Its Zero Emission Certificate Recovery Charge (2023)**

Stacy Peterson, Dep. Executive Director, presented in this matter.

**BACKGROUND:** On December 18, 2023 PSE&G filed a petition seeking approval to maintain its refund of excess collections credit rate. Rate counsel has filed comments on the petition not objecting to the proposal to maintain the rate. As a result, customers will experience no change to their monthly bills.

Staff recommends that the Board authorize the company to maintain its current RECCR rate at zero. Staff notes that several of the electric distribution companies have made requests to modify the annual filings. And, accordingly, Staff recommends that the Board direct PSE&G to work collaboratively with the other EDCs, Staff, and Rate Counsel prior to the next filing to attempt to find a resolution. Finally, Staff recommends the Board direct PS to file revised tariffs by April 1.

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

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>President Guhl-Sadovy</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Christodoulou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Abdou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Bange</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**G. Docket No. ER23060412 - In the Matter of the Petition of Public Service Electric and Gas Company for Approval of Changes in its Electric Solar Pilot Recovery Charge (“SPRC”) for its Solar Loan I Program**

**Stacy Peterson, Dep. Executive Director**, presented in this matter.

**BACKGROUND:** On June 28th of 2023 PSE&G filed a petition requesting approval of changes to its Electric Solar Pilot Recovery Charge. Through discovery, the company updated their schedules to include actual information through September 2023 resulting in a proposed net annual remedy decrease of approximately \$0.2 million. The parties have executed a stipulation recommending approval of the company's request consistent with the update. As a result, customers will experience no change in their monthly bill.

Staff recommends the Board approve the stipulation and direct PS to file revised tariffs by April 1.

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

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>President Guhl-Sadovy</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Christodoulou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Abdou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Bange</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**3. CABLE TELEVISION**

**A. Docket No. CE23120919 - In the Matter of the Application for Renewal of a System-Wide Cable Television Franchise for Cablevision of Oakland, LLC**

**Lawanda Gilbert, Director, Cable Television**, presented in this matter.

**BACKGROUND:** This matter involves the renewal application filed by Cablevision of Oakland for its system-wide cable television franchise. By way of background, Cablevision's system-wide franchise for its Oakland system was initiated by its conversion of its municipal consent-based franchise in the Township of Cedar Grove to a system-wide franchise in March of 2009. Cablevision was granted a seven-year franchise running through March of 2016 and subsequently converted an additional 37 municipalities to the franchise during this term.

On March 18, 2016 the Board issued a renewal system-wide cable television franchise to Cablevision for a seven-year term, during which Cablevision converted one additional municipality. Prior to the March 20, 2023 expiration of the franchise, Cablevision and Board Staff initiated renewal proceedings, during which Cablevision provided comments to the Board on its past performance under the franchise and its plans to meet the future needs of the 39 communities it serves.

On December 20, 2023 the Board approved the release of the Ascertainment Report prepared by the Office of Cable Television and Telecommunications reviewing Cablevision's past performance Minutes for March 20, 2024

and assessing the future system-wide cable television franchise needs of the community. On December 27, 2023, Cablevision filed its system-wide franchise renewal application for service to 39 municipalities and also sought approval to construct a cable television system to provide service to the townships of Montclair and West Orange where it currently does not provide service.

The Board held two virtual public hearings on the application on February 1, 2024 where comments were provided by Cablevision in support of the application and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel urged the public to provide comments on the application to let any concerns be known. On February 5, 2024 Montclair filed a letter in favor of the application being approved. On February 6, 2024 Rate Counsel provided written comments indicating that they would not support approval of the application unless several conditions were met regarding the Public Educational and Governmental Access channels, training and return fees, the homes per mile figure for Cablevision's line extension policy, and the resolution of the Board's November 2019 cease and desist order issued in BPU Docket Number CS 18121288.

Cablevision filed comments on March 8, 2024 in response to Rate Counsel's comments stating that its existing performance under its system-wide franchise and its application have satisfied all State requirements for renewal. It has provided all information required and has at all times complied with all obligations applicable to cable television franchises based on rules and regulations. Additionally, Cablevision argued that it's currently complying with the Board's November 2019 cease and desist order and that it has engaged with Board Staff concerning the implementation of the order's retroactive conditions and looks forward to continuing that dialog with Staff and Rate Counsel outside of this proceeding, but that the order is not a basis for denial of the application.

A subsequent letter was filed by Rate Counsel on March 13, 2024 reiterating its arguments raised in its initial comments and urging the Board to disregard Cablevision's reply as being out of time. On March 14, 2024 Cablevision filed a response to Rate Counsel's letter reiterating its arguments that the 2019 order is not a basis for denial of the application. Because Rate Counsel's request fall outside the parameters of the Board's statutory criteria outlined for review of the application found at N.J.S.A. 48:5A-17 and N.J.S.A. 48:5A-28 and go beyond the scope of review required by the same, Staff is not recommending including them as part of the conditions of the order at this time.

Pursuant to the statutes, the applicant must meet the specific requirements for operating a system-wide franchise as delineated in subsections N.J.S.A. 48:5A-28 (h) through(m). Cablevision has certified that it would comply with these commitments, which include line extensions, PEG access channels, interconnection with other cable television companies, free cable and internet service for public schools and municipal buildings, training and equipment for PEG access users, return fees, and compliance with customer protection regulations. Cablevision has committed to abide by these requirements, as well as maintain its current insurance and performance bond amounts and adherence to the requirements for a local office and designation of the OCTV&T as the complaint officer under the franchise.

Staff, therefore, recommends that the Board approve Cablevision's renewal application and as well as the extension of its service to Montclair and West Orange subject to the conditions

contained in the order, including, but not limited to, the provision of updates to the construction schedule, of the extension of the townships, as well as applicable, all applicable State and Federal laws and rules and regulations of the OCTV&T and the franchise will expire on March 20, 2030.

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

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>President Guhl-Sadovy</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Christodoulou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Abdou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Bange</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**B. Docket No. CE23030148 - In the Matter of Notice of Comcast New Jersey II, LLC Regarding the Conversion of its Municipal Franchise in the City of Perth Amboy to a System-Wide Franchise – In the Matter of the Application of Comcast of New Jersey II, LLC for a System-Wide Cable Television Franchise Township of Edison, Middlesex County, New Jersey.**

**Lawanda Gilbert, Division of Division,** presented in this matter.

**BACKGROUND:** On January 30, 2024 Comcast of New Jersey II, LLC filed an application with the Board for an amendment to its system-wide cable television franchise for approval to construct a cable television system to provide service to the Township of Edison in Middlesex County. The Board issued a system-wide franchise to Comcast New Jersey following the conversion of its municipal consent based franchise for the City of Perth Amboy in February of 2023. The Comcast application is requesting approval for issuance of an amendment to its system-wide franchise to expand its service territory into a municipality which Comcast currently does not serve. The Township of Edison is currently served by CSC TKR, doing business as Cablevision of Raritan Valley, operating under a traditional municipal consent based franchise, as well as Verizon operating under a system-wide cable television franchise. Comcast currently serves a total of 41 municipalities under a traditional municipal consent based cable television franchise and one system-wide cable television franchise and plans to serve the Township through construction of existing, I'm sorry, plans to serve the Township through construction of an extension to its existing cable TV system.

Following its review of Comcast's application, Board Staff issued requests seeking additional follow-up information on February 23, 2024. On March 4, 2024 Comcast filed its responses which address Staff's concerns. On February 27, 2024 two virtual public hearings were held to receive public comment on the application, at which comments were provided by Comcast and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel and many residents of Edison, including Edison Mayor Sam Joshi. Mayor Joshi spoke in favor of the application stating that requests for increased competition and improved internet and cable services were among the top issues voiced by residents of Edison. A number of residents spoke out in favor of approval of the application to provide competition, improve and advance services, and a positive impact expected on rates. Written comments were accepted by the Board through March 4, 2024.

Rate Counsel filed comments with the Board stating that review of the application and supporting documentation and believes that Comcast has substantially met the provisional service requirements delineated under the State Cable Act and the Board's regulations. Furthermore, Rate Counsel suggested that the Board address Comcast's proposal for the provision of equipment and training to the municipality, as well as local office provision. On March 7, 2024 Comcast filed a letter in response to Rate Counsel's comments indicating it had addressed the concerns in its March 4, 2024 filing and reiterated that it would meet or exceed all statutory requirements. No further comments were made at either public hearing or were filed electronically thereafter.

Pursuant to the statute, the applicant must meet the strict requirements of operating a system-wide franchise as delineated in subsection N.J.S.A. 48:5A-28 (h) through(n). Comcast has certified it would comply with these commitments, including line extensions, Public Educational and Governmental access channels, interconnection with other cable providers, free cable and internet service to public schools and municipal buildings, training and equipment for access users, PEG access return fees, and compliance with customer protection regulations. Comcast has committed to abide by these requirements, as well as maintain its current insurance and performance bond amounts, adherence to the requirements for a local office, and the designation of the Office of Cable Television and Telecommunications as the compliant officer under the franchise.

Upon review of Rate Counsel's comments, Staff finds that Comcast's proposal regarding the provision of equipment and training and the local office meets the requirement of the Board's rules and regulations. As Comcast is extending its service territory into Edison where it has not provided service previously, as part of this application Comcast has asserted that it has secured rights of way access in the Township through right of way use and resolution agreements approved by the governing body.

Staff, therefore, recommends that the Board approve Comcast's application to amend its system-wide franchise to provide service to the Township of Edison subject to conditions outlined in the order, including, but not limited to, the provision of updates on the construction of the system and revised maps on activation, as well as all applicable State and Federal laws, rules, and regulations of the OCTV&T. Comcast's franchise will expire on February 17, 2030.

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

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>President Guhl-Sadovy</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Christodoulou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Abdou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Bange</b>	<b>Aye</b>

#### **4. TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

There were no items in this category.



**5. WATER**

**A. Docket No. WF23060346 – In the Matter of the Petition of New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. for Deferral Accounting Authority for the Costs of Implementing the Clean Energy Act of 2018 Benchmarking Requirement.**

Stacy Peterson, Dep. Director, presented in this matter.

**BACKGROUND:** On June 9, 2023 New Jersey American Water filed a petition for authority to defer on its books the costs associated with implementing the benchmarking requirement mandated by the Clean Energy Act. By letter dated January 11, Rate Counsel submitted comments not opposing the request subject to certain conditions.

At this time Staff recommends that the Board issue an order authorizing defer accounting authority for the cost of implementing the Clean Energy Act benchmarking requirement subject to certain conditions.

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

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>President Guhl-Sadovy</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Christodoulou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Abdou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Bange</b>	<b>Recused</b>

**B. Docket No. WR23110791 – In the Matter of the Petition of New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. for Authorization to Change the Level of its Purchased Water Adjustment Clause and Purchased Wastewater Treatment Adjustment Clause.**

Stacy Peterson, Dep., Director, presented in this matter.

**BACKGROUND:** On November 9, 2023 New Jersey American filed a petition requesting approval to modify its purchased water adjustment clause and its purchased wastewater treatment clause. Through discovery, New Jersey American updated its schedules to incorporate actual results through December of 2023 and forecasts through March 2024. Following review of the petition, the company, Board Staff, and Rate Counsel executed a stipulation recommending approval of the rates proposed in the update. Intervenor Middlesex Water Company filed a letter of non-objection. As a result of the stipulation, an average residential customer using 5,520 gallons per month would see a decrease in their monthly bill of approximately ten cents. The PSTAC rate changes will result in various impacts to customers in Ocean City, Lakewood Township, and the Adelphia section of Howell Township.

Staff recommends the Board approve the stipulation and direct New Jersey American to file revised tariffs by April 1.

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

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>President Guhl-Sadovy</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Christodoulou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Abdou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Bange</b>	<b>Recused</b>

**6. RELIABILITY AND SECURITY**

**A. Docket Nos. GS23110797K, GS23110798K, GS23110799K, GS23110800K, GS23110801K, GS23110802K, GS23110803K, GS23110804K, GS23110805K, GS23110806K, GS23110807K, GS23110808K, GS23110809K, GS23110810K, GS23110811K, GS23110812K, GS23110813K, GS23110814K, GS23110815K, GS23110816K, GS23110817K, and GS23110818K – In the Matter of Alleged Violations of the Underground Facility Protection Act, N.J.S.A. 48:2-73 to 91 by J&R Construction, LLC and Sunny World, LLC.**

**Ann Lang, Division of Reliability and Security,** presented in this matter.

**BACKGROUND:** Between September 16, 2016 and January 10, 2023 while installing conduit, J&R Construction, LLC and Sunny World, LLC engaged in multiple New Jersey excavations and came into contact with and damaged natural gas infrastructure belonging to PSE&G, New Jersey Natural Gas, and South Jersey Gas Company. Following Staff's investigation where probable violations of the Underground Facility Protection Act were found, notices of probable violations were issued to the excavator. Those probable violations included the alleged failure to use reasonable care during excavation and to properly hand dig and locate underground facilities within 24 inches of marks.

Following several discussions, Staff and the excavator entered into a stipulation resolving 22 of the alleged violations for \$60,000.00. The 22 alleged violations provided in the stipulation do not involve catastrophic situations, death, or property damage. The stipulation only applies to the 22 alleged violations provided in the stipulation and does not extend to any pending or future investigations of or actions regarding alleged violations of the act committed by the excavator.

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the stipulation.

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

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>President Guhl-Sadovy</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Christodoulou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Abdou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Bange</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**7. CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE**

**A. Docket No. AO20060471 – In the Matter of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities’ Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.**

**Nick Gorglione, Division of Customer Assistance**, presented in this matter.

**BACKGROUND:** On June 29, 2023 the Board issued an order mandating that, among other things, gas and electric distribution utilities in the State provide an annual Fresh Start Assessment Report to the Board beginning on February 15, 2025. The utilities administer the Board's Fresh Start program with oversight by the Board. Fresh Start is a program that provides eligible customers of the Board's Universal Service Fund Program an opportunity to earn forgiveness on overdue balances by paying their current bills in full over a certain period of time. On August 9, 2023 and subsequently thereafter, Board Staff received correspondence from Jersey Central Power and Light Company requesting clarification on specific data points required in the Fresh Start Assessment Report.

After review, Staff believes that clarification is necessary to ensure consistent statewide reporting of annual Fresh Start data from the utilities. Therefore, Staff recommends the Board narrowly amend the June 2023 order to clarify specific data points required in the annual assessment report from the utilities as set forth in the Board order.

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

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>President Guhl-Sadovy</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Christodoulou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Abdou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Bange</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**8. CLEAN ENERGY**

**A. Docket No. QO23030179 – In the Matter of the Request for a Waiver of the Requirement to Use New Equipment in the Administratively Determined Incentive Program at N.J.A.C. 14:8-11.4(c) – Bruce Goldsmith – NJADRE1548327280; and**

**Docket No. QO23020097 – In the Matter of Petition to Waive Rule N.J.A.C. 14:8-11.4(c) Re: NJADRE1548563276 Comb Properties, LLC.**

**Adam Coleman, Division of Clean Energy**, presented in this matter.

**BACKGROUND:** This matter pertains to two petitions requesting waivers of the Administratively Determined Incentive, or ADI program. The rules covered under NJ Administrative Code 14:8-11.4(c), which state that to be eligible for the program all existing, all equipment used must be new. Both petitioners seek to register projects that reuse existing ground mounting construction.

Both argue that reusing this portion of the system components avoids wasting materials and have no impact on system performance.

Staff recognizes that current incentive eligibility requirements may motivate removing functional equipment. As the number of solar installations continues to increase, the potential for reusing equipment will also increase. However, the solution does not provide an outsized incentive to projects that incorporate reused elements.

The Board has the responsibility to carefully consider balancing the costs and benefits to ratepayers and projects reusing racking equipment would be expected to have significantly lower costs, thus providing a windfall to investors if they received the standard ADI incentives. Instead, there should be an investigation in how to encourage future reuse rather than requiring unnecessary infrastructure disposal. Such an investigation would look at itemized budget breakdowns to better understand New Jersey specific costs and to make recommendations on future incentive levels for projects that reuse existing equipment.

Staff recommends that the Board deny the petitioners' request to waive the requirements of all new materials in the ADI program. Staff further recommends that the Board direct an investigation into the market potential for reuse of existing solar equipment, the potential implications for providing incentives for the practice, and the establishment of a separate incentive segment within the ADI program for projects seeking to reuse mounting materials. Finally, Staff recommends that the Board clarify that the two projects at issue here will be eligible to earn Class 1 RECs as long as they meet all other program requirements.

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

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>President Guhl-Sadovy</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Christodoulou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Abdou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Bange</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**B. Docket No. QO24010017 – In the Matter of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program, Pursuant to Section 40552(b) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law 117-58.**

**David Titus, Division of Clean Energy**, presented in this matter.

**BACKGROUND:** This matter pertains to the posting of a Notice of Funding Availability, or NOFA, for funds available through the Community Energy Plan Implementation, or CEPI, grant program. On September 29, 2023 New Jersey Board of Public Utilities submitted an application for funding through the US Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program, or EECBG. Total funding available to New Jersey through EECBG is \$2.4 million. An additional one million comes from New Jersey's Clean Energy fund.

On November 17, 2023 the Board approved the establishment of the CEPI Grant program. This program will use funds from both EECBG and the Clean Energy Fund to provide grants to

municipalities. The goal of these grants is to assist the municipalities with implementing clean energy, renewable energy, or energy efficiency projects that were identified in Community Energy Plans, or CEPs. CEPI funding is not available for projects that are eligible for noncompetitive funding through other Federal, State, or utility resources.

Staff proposes publishing the NOFA in the New Jersey Register announcing funds available through CEPI. The tentative publishing date in the New Jersey Register in May 6, 2024. This is consistent with New Jersey Statute 52:14-34.4, requires each State agency awards Federal or State grant funds shall publish notice regarding the availability of those funds in the New Jersey Register. All municipalities in New Jersey which have completed a CEP through the Community Energy Plan Grant, or CEPG, or which have completed an equivalent plan are eligible to apply for funding.

An equivalent plan is a plan that was not completed through CEPG, but encapsulates the main components of CEPG plans, including a plan that covers the strategies identified in the Sustainable Jersey Community Energy Plan Work Plan Template, a timeline of implementation, an implementation plan, and evidence of the plan's adoption through municipal resolution.

Interested applicants must complete and submit the CEPI application form and project workbook, which can be found on New Jersey's Clean Energy Program website at [www.NJCleanEnergy.com/CEP](http://www.NJCleanEnergy.com/CEP). Applicants are eligible to receive up to \$250,000.00 for funding for one or more projects, with an opportunity for additional awards if program funds are remaining after all proposals have been evaluated. Applications must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. Eastern time on Friday, May 24, 2024. Applicants selected for award will be notified within 75 days of the close of the application window.

Staff recommends that the Board approve the posting of the NOFA for CEPI funds in the New Jersey Register.

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

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>President Guhl-Sadovy</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Christodoulou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Abdou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Bange</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**C. Docket No. QO24010048 – In the Matter of the Publishing of a Notice of Funding Availability for the Community Energy Plan Grant (CEPG) Program.**

**David Titus, Division of Clean Energy**, presented in this matter.

**BACKGROUND:** This matter concerns another posting of a Notice of Funding Availability, or NOFA, with the Division of Clean Energy Community Energy Plan Grant Program, or CEPG.

On March 29, 2019 the Board created CEPG with the purpose of providing funding to New Jersey municipalities to develop localized energy plans that are aligned with the goals of New Jersey's

Energy Master Plan, or EMP. The EMP established that community level action was necessary to achieve the State's goal of 100 percent clean energy.

The Board approved the second program year of CEPG in October 2021 with a grant term spanning from June 2022 to November 2023. On November 17, 2023 the Board approved the opening of the third program year of CEPG.

Staff proposes publishing a NOFA in the New Jersey Register announcing the availability of funds through CEPG. The tentative publishing date in the Register is May 26, 2024. Pursuant to the New Jersey Statute 52:14-34.4, each State agency which awards Federal or State grant funds shall publish notice regarding the availability of those funds in the Register.

Funding for the third program year of CEPG totals \$4.5 million, all from the New Jersey Clean Energy Program General Fund. All New Jersey municipalities are eligible to apply for this grant funding. In order to qualify for funding applicant, an applicant municipality must submit an administratively complete application, including an applicant certification form, applicant contact information, and executed municipal resolution. Interested applicants must submit a completed application form available at New Jersey's Clean Energy Program website found at [www.NJCleanEnergy.com/CEP](http://www.NJCleanEnergy.com/CEP). Applications must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. Eastern time on May 4, 2024. Applicants selected for funding shall be notified of award no later than 75 days after the close of the application window.

Staff recommends that the Board approve the posting of the NOFA for CEPG funds in the Register.

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

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>President Guhl-Sadovy</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Christodoulou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Abdou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Bange</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**D. Docket No. QO20100630 – In the Matter of Declaring Transmission to Support Offshore Wind a Public Policy of the State New Jersey.**

**Genevieve DiGiulio, Division of Clean Energy,** presented in this matter.

**BACKGROUND:** This matter pertains to the State Agreement Approach, or SAA 1 projects. The updates before you are cost, scope and allocation adjustments which collectively result in a net decrease of \$29 million to the SAA 1 projects.

Since the SAA order was issued, the Staff and PJM regularly meet to discuss ongoing updates related to the awarded projects. As part of these meetings, PJM continues to provide updates to Staff when PJM receives cost adjustments from the awarded SAA projects. PJM has indicated that these updates are not uncommon.

Cost and scope adjustments for Public Service Electric and Gas Company's Lake Nelson subproject are a result of the additional more detailed analysis conducted after the SAA project was awarded. The engineering analysis conducted by PSE&G, as detailed to Board staff by PJM staff and PSE&G, resulted in an additional equipment to meet applicable reliability standards. In addition, Atlantic City Electric and PSE&G canceled a number of SAA projects after engineering analysis proved the work was no longer needed.

Additionally, a number of SAA 1 projects associated with the North Delta station have been canceled due to refined needs analyses triggered by added load in the region. PJM determined that these upgrades made certain SAA 1 upgrades obsolete and would have been required with or without the SAA. Thus, the SAA has been relieved of cost responsibility for these projects and their replacements.

The last adjustment captured here is a cost allocation adjustment to the North Delta project, which requires additional reliability upgrades that have been recategorized by PJM under the multi-driver project framework. Per the PJM operating agreement and cost allocation methodology, the additional costs associated with multi-driver will not result in a cost change for the SAA, but the allocation of the SAA portion of the North Delta project has changed from 100 percent to 74.27 percent.

Staff recommends the Board approve these cost, scope, and allocation adjustments to the SAA 1 projects. Thank you.

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

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>President Guhl-Sadovy</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Christodoulou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Abdou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Bange</b>	<b>Aye</b>

## 9. MISCELLANEOUS

### **A. Docket No. EO23110794 – In the Matter of a Request for Quotation ("RFQ") Related to the Conduct of a Rate Design and Policy Study Regarding Driving Equity in the Clean Energy Transition – Executive Session.**

**Ben Witherell, Economist**, presented in this matter.

**BACKGROUND:** This matter was also presented in executive session and concerns a request for quotation, or RFQ, to retain a consultant to assist Staff with tasks related to conducting a study of rate design, programs, and policies for driving equity in the clean energy transition.

On December 6, 2023 the Board authorized Staff to develop and issue an RFQ as described. An evaluation committee reviewed all quotations submitted on or before the deadline on February

26, 2024. After review and after requesting and receiving best and final offers, the evaluation committee selected the overall best quote to recommend to the Board.

Staff, therefore, recommends that the Board approve the evaluation committee's recommendation for a selected consultant and direct Staff to work with the Department of Treasury to execute a contract for services as described in the RFQ and the scope of work.

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

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>President Guhl-Sadovy</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Christodoulou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Abdou</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Commissioner Bange</b>	<b>Aye</b>

There were no items presented for this matter.

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



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Sherri L. Golden  
Board Secretary

Date: May 22, 2024