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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 January 29, 2025 at the Board's Hearing Room at 44 South Clinton Avenue, Trenton and online @ <https://www.youtube.com/live/hDaaP-rarh0?si=IDzGrDtGYkZytzlw>

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, and 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. Lewis, 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 February 12, 2025, 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

I. AUDITS

There were no items in this category.

II. ENERGY

There were no items in this category.

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

There were no items in this category.

VIII. CLEAN ENERGY

There were no items in this category.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Approval for the September 4, 2024 Minutes; and
Approval for the November 21, 2024 Minutes.**

After appropriate motion, consent agenda item IXA

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

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. GR23010050 – In the Matter of the Petition of Public Service Electric and Gas Company to Modify its Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) Remediation Component Within its Electric Societal Benefits Charge (SBC) and its Gas SBC; During the Remediation Adjustment Charge (RAC) 30 Period, August 1, 2021, to July 31, 2022.

Stacy Peterson, Division of Energy, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: On January 26, 2023, Public Service Electric and Gas filed a petition seeking approval to modify the Manufactured Gas Plant Remediation component within its Societal Benefits Charge to recover costs incurred during the Remediation Charge period August 1, 2021, through July 31, 2022.

Following a review of the Petition, conducting discovery and discussions, the parties have executed a Stipulation resolving the matter.

As a result of the Stipulation, a typical residential electric customer would see a decrease in their average monthly bill of \$0.05.

A typical residential gas heating customer would see an increase in their average monthly bill of \$0.10.

Staff recommends that the Board issue an Order approving the Stipulation and directing PSE&G to file revised tariffs by February 15.

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

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

B. Docket No. ER24110844 – In the Matter of the Petition of Public Service Electric and Gas Company for Approval of a Zero Emission Certificate Recovery Charge (2024).

Stacy Peterson, Division of Energy, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: On November 8, 2024 PSE&G filed a Petition seeking approval to maintain the Refund of Excess Collections Credit rate component of its ZEC Charge at \$0.

On January 15, 2025, Rate Counsel filed comments on the Petition, indicating that it did not oppose PSE&G's request. Based upon the requests in the Petition, customers would see no impact to their bills.

Staff recommends that the Board authorize PSE&G to maintain its RECCR rates at \$0, and directs PSE&G to file revised tariffs by February 15.

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

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

3. CABLE TELEVISION

There were no items in this category.

4. TELECOMMUNICATIONS

There were no items in this category.

5. WATER

A. Docket No. WM24100783 – In the Matter of the Petition of New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. for: (1) Approval of its Agreement with Shrewsbury Township, New Jersey for the Purchase and Sale of Water System; (2) a Determination that the Purchase Price is Reasonable; (3) a Determination that the Transaction Costs are Reasonable; and (4) for Such Other Approvals as May Be Necessary to Complete the Proposed Transaction.

Dean Taklif, Division of Engineering, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: On October 7, 2024 New Jersey-American Water Company filed a Petition with the Board seeking approval of a sale agreement between New Jersey-American and Shrewsbury Township pursuant to the provisions of the Water Infrastructure Protection Act, a determination that the purchase price and transaction costs were reasonable, and other approvals as necessary to complete the proposed transaction.

Prior to this filing, the Township submitted an Emergent Condition Report and an Asset Value Report to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

On July 21, 2023 the DEP issued a determination that approved the Township's certification as to the existence of Emergent Condition Number 4, indicating a lack of historical investment, maintenance, or repair of the system.

On July 9, 2024 the Township adopted Resolution Number 2024-69, authorizing the Township to sell the system to New Jersey-American Water and authorizing the Company to file the petition with the Board for approval of the sales agreement.

Pursuant to the agreement, the purchase price of the system is \$525,000.

Following a review of the Petition and discovery, the Company, the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel and Board Staff entered into a Stipulation of Settlement resolving all issues in this matter.

Staff recommends that the Board issue an order adopting the Stipulation.

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

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

6. RELIABILITY AND SECURITY

There were no items in this category.

7. CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE

There were no items in this category.

8. CLEAN ENERGY

A. Docket No. QO21071021 – In the Matter of Petition of DSM Nutritional Products to Direct JCP&L to Provide Net Metering Credit for Existing On-Site Solar Generation Facility.

Bence Oliver, Division of Clean Energy, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: On July 29, 2021 DSM Nutritional Products filed a Petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities requesting that the Board direct Jersey Central Power & Light to net meter the electricity produced by an on-site solar facility owned by DSM, and to provide DSM with a retail credit on its electric bill for the energy produced by the solar facility since the date it commenced operation.

On December 1, 2021 the Board issued an Order retaining the matter at the Board for hearing, designating then President Joseph Fiordaliso as the presiding Commissioner, and granting JCP&L's motion to intervene.

During the pendency of this proceeding President Fiordaliso passed away. Thus Board Staff now recommends that the Board designate Commissioner Marian Abdou as the presiding Commissioner over this matter.

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

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

B. Docket No. QW22030128 – In the Matter of a Successor Solar Incentive Program Pursuant to P.L. 2021, c. 169; and

Docket No. QW24020107 – In the Matter of the Clean Energy Petition of Power Energy Solutions Seeking a Waiver of the ADI Program Eligibility Requirements With Respect to Certain Residential Projects: Shannon Bauer/NJADRE1552609720 Tom Guitan/NJADRE1549844101 et al.

Zainab Durda, Division of Clean Energy, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: The ADI Program launched on August 28, 2021 and is open to residential projects, net metered nonresidential projects equal to or less than five megawatts, and community solar projects.

Solar generation facilities are prohibited from registering in the ADI Program if they commenced commercial operation prior to the opening of the ADI Program registration portal, or began construction prior to receipt of a notice of conditional registration.

Additionally, the ADI Rules limit increases in project generating capacity after registration in the ADI Program to 10 percent or 25 kW, whichever is smaller.

348 customers with projects that received Permission to Operate prior to receipt of the notice of conditional registration have petitioned the Board to waive N.J.A.C. 14:8-11.4(b) to register in the ADI Program.

Staff believes that circumstances associated with the transition from the TI Program to the ADI Program still warrant flexibility in the application of this restriction.

Thirteen customers with projects that receive PTO prior to the ADI Program launch have petitioned the Board for a waiver of N.J.A.C. 14:8-11.4(b).

Similar to the previous set of projects, Staff is concerned that these projects will be stranded without an incentive in the absence of Board action.

Staff believes a waiver is appropriate and recommends that the Board grant the petitions, with the qualification life for these projects commencing on August 28, 2021, which is the opening of the ADI Program.

Twenty projects seek a waiver of N.J.A.C. 14:8-11.5(k) for approval of solar facilities at a capacity that exceeds the size submitted in the initial registration package by more than 20 percent, which is the maximum size allowed by rule.

For these projects Staff recommends that the Board deny these petitions and encourage petitioners to re-register their projects at their new capacity, with a waiver on the prohibition on commencing construction prior to acceptance.

Finally, one petition included a project that has received PTO, but has not yet registered in the ADI Program.

Staff recommends that the Board require the petitioner of the unregistered projects to register the project, and submit an ADI Program number to the Program Manager within 30 calendar days of the effective date of the Board's Order.

Once registered, Staff recommends that the Board allow this project to be eligible for a waiver of N.J.A.C. 14:8-11.4(b) and of N.J.A.C. 14:8-11.6(a) if the project received PTO prior to the opening of the ADI Program.

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

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

9. MISCELLANEOUS

There were no items in this category.

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

Sherri L. Lewis

Sherri L. Lewis
Board Secretary

Date: 6/18/2025