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IN THE MATTER OF ROCKLAND ELECTRIC)
COMPANY METER AND EQUIPMENT) DECISION AND ORDER
INSTALLATION AND OWNERSHIP) APPROVING MODIFIED TARIFF
)
) DOCKET NO. ET17111229

Parties of Record:

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BY THE BOARD:

BACKGROUND

On November 30, 2017, Rockland Electric Company ("RECO" or "Company") filed a letter petition ("Letter Petition") with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") seeking approval to modify Section No. 5 of the General Information Section of its filed tariff.

The proposed modification to the tariff would allow the Company to select the type and make of meters and associated equipment to be installed on a customer's premises. The filing also provides that the installation and connection of meters would be in accordance with N.J.A.C. 14:3, and that the Company may change or alter such meters and associated equipment from time to time. As noted by the Company, the tariffs of the other three major New Jersey electric distribution companies contain similar provisions. Specifically, RECO proposed to include the following language in Section 5 of the General Information Section of its tariff:

"The Company will install meters in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 14:3. The Company will select the type and make of meters and associated equipment and may, from time to time, change or alter such meters and associated equipment. The Company's sole obligation is to supply metering that will furnish accurate and adequate records for billing purposes."

By letter dated December 6, 2017, the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel") submitted comments on RECO's Letter Petition. In their comments, Rate Counsel stated that it did not object to the inclusion of the proposed language in RECO's tariff. However, Rate Counsel submitted that the additional language should be more precise in order to allow regulators as well as ratepayers to know which subsection the amendment addresses. Specifically, Rate Counsel requested that the Board direct RECO to cite the specific provision of the Board's regulations that apply to the new tariff language. (e.g. N.J.A.C. 14:3-4.2).

By letter dated December 13, 2017 ("December Letter"), RECO agreed to clarify its filing by specifying that the Company will install meters in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 14:3-4.2. As such, the modified proposed language reads:

"The Company will install meters in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 14:3-4.2. The Company will select the type and make of meters and associated equipment and may, from time to time, change or alter such meters and associated equipment. The Company's sole obligation is to supply metering that will furnish accurate and adequate records for billing purposes."

DISCUSSION AND FINDING

The Board has carefully reviewed the record in this matter including the Letter Petition, Rate Counsel's comments, and RECO's December Letter agreeing to clarify the proposed language. Accordingly, the Board **FINDS** that the proposed modification, as delineated in the Company's December Letter is reasonable, in the public interest and consistent with New Jersey Administrative Code.

The Board **HEREBY APPROVES** the modification to Generation Information Section No. 5 of RECO's Tariff. The Board notes that this tariff modification does not obviate any obligations RECO has pursuant to the Board's August 23, 2017 Order in Docket No. ER16060524.¹

The Board **HEREBY ORDERS** RECO to file the revised tariff sheet within five (5) days of service of this Order.

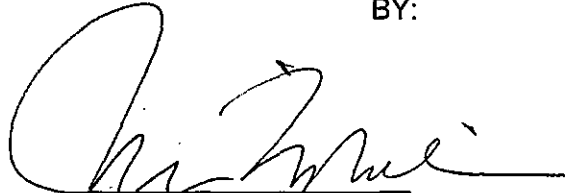
The Company's costs will remain subject to audit by the Board. This Decision and Order shall not preclude nor prohibit the Board from taking any actions determined to be appropriate as a result of any such audit.

¹ In re the Petition RECO for Approval of an Advanced Metering Program and for Other Relief, BPU Docket No. ER16060524 (August 23, 2017).

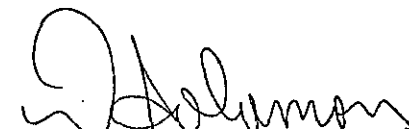
The effective date of this Order is February 10, 2018.


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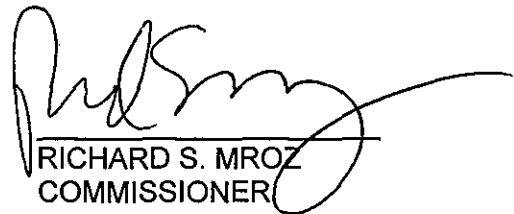
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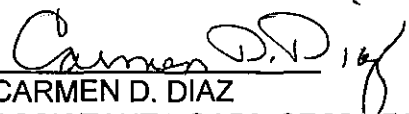

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