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DIVISIONS OF CLEAN
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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)
ROCKLAND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR)
APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE)
PROGRAM, ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ELECTRIC)
VEHICLE SURCHARGE, AND FOR OTHER)
RELIEF (RECO EV)) ORDER DESIGNATING)
COMMISSIONER, SETTING)
MANNER OF SERVICE AND)
BAR DATE)
DOCKET NO. EO20110730

Parties of Record:

Stefanie A. Brand, Esq., Director, New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel
James C. Meyer, Esq., Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland and Perretti, on behalf of Rockland Electric Company

BY THE BOARD

On November 23, 2020, Rockland Electric Company (“RECO” or “Company”) filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) seeking approval to invest approximately \$6.7 million over a five (5) year period for a comprehensive electric vehicle (“EV”) program (“EV Program”), consisting of six (6) EV subprograms applicable to light-duty vehicles (“Petition”).¹

The six (6) proposed subprograms and associated budgets are:

Subprogram	Budget
Make Ready	\$4,804,041
Voluntary Time-of-Day Rate	\$55,000
Direct Current Fast Charging Incentive	\$377,362
Smart Charge	\$625,625
EVolved REcharge	\$243,760
Outreach and Education Program	\$577,500
Total Budget	\$6,683,288

¹ Light-duty, or passenger, vehicles are any two-axle, four-wheel vehicle, primarily designed for passenger travel or light-duty commercial use. N.J.S.A. 48:25-2.

According to RECO, the proposed EV Program was designed to be responsive to its customers' needs and to address critical adoption barriers for EV transportation by providing education and outreach, off-peak charging, and EV infrastructure solutions to reduce range anxiety. The Company stated it has no current plans to deploy, own and/or operate EV chargers. However, RECO indicated that should the Company decide to pursue the deployment, ownership, and/or operation of publicly accessible EV chargers, it would submit a separate filing with the Board setting forth the specifics of its proposed program, as outlined in the Board's September 23, 2020 Order establishing minimum filing requirements for light duty EV charging in Docket No. QO20050357.

Additionally, in the Petition, the Company proposed to implement a non-bypassable 0.0047 cents per kilowatt hour ("kWh") Electric Vehicle Surcharge ("EVS") applicable to all RECO distribution customers to recover the costs associated with the EV Program. If the Board approves the Petition as proposed, a typical residential customer using 925 kWh per month will experience a \$0.04 per month increase, or 0.02% during the initial year of the EV Program.

DISCUSSION

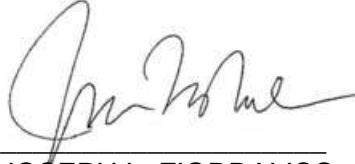
The Board has determined that RECO's Petition should be retained by the Board for hearing. Accordingly, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-32, the Board **HEREBY DESIGNATES** Commissioner Robert M. Gordon as the presiding officer with authority to rule on all motions that arise during the pendency of this proceeding and to modify any schedules that may be set as necessary to secure a just and expeditious determination of the Petition. Further, the Board **HEREBY DIRECTS** that any entity seeking to intervene or participate in this matter file the appropriate application with the Board by March 1, 2021. Any party wishing to file a motion for admission of counsel, *pro hac vice*, should do so concurrently with any motion to intervene or participate.

In addition, in compliance with the Board's Order in Docket No. EO20030254, all parties are **HEREBY DIRECTED** to serve all documents electronically. No hard copies shall be filed until the Board lifts the restrictions imposed in that Order. The Board **HEREBY DIRECTS** Staff to post this Order to the Board's website.

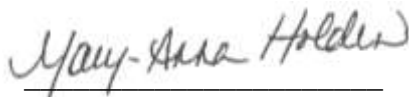
The effective date of this Order is February 6, 2021.

DATED: January 27, 2021

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