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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)	ORDER REDESIGNATING
ROCKLAND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR)	COMMISSIONER
APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE)	
PROGRAM, ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ELECTRIC)	DOCKET NO. EO20110730
VEHICLE SURCHARGE, AND FOR OTHER RELIEF)	
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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)	DOCKET NO. EO22120743
ROCKLAND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR)	
APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE)	
MANAGED CHARGING PROGRAM, AND FOR)	
OTHER RELIEF)	

Parties of Record:

Brian O. Lipman, Esq., Director, New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel
James C. Meyer, Esq., Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti, on behalf of Rockland Electric Company
Scott Dunbar, Esq., on behalf of ChargePoint, Inc.

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-year period for a comprehensive Electric Vehicle (“EV”) Program (“EV Program”), consisting of six (6) EV subprograms applicable to light-duty vehicles (“EV Program Petition”).¹

¹ A light-duty, or passenger, vehicle is “any two-axle, four-wheel vehicle, designed primarily for passenger travel or light duty commercial use, and approved for travel on public roads.” N.J.S.A. 48:25-2.

By Order dated January 27, 2021, the Board determined that the EV Program Petition should be retained by the Board for hearing and, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-32, designated Commissioner Robert M. Gordon (“Commissioner Gordon”) as the presiding officer authorized to rule on all motions that arise during the pendency of these proceedings and modify any schedules that may be set as necessary to secure a just and expeditious determination of the issues.² Further, the January 2021 Order directed that any entity seeking to intervene or participate in this matter file the appropriate application with the Board by March 1, 2021. By Order dated April 8, 2021, Commissioner Gordon issued a Prehearing Order with Procedural Schedule and Order on Motions to Intervene or Participate. In the Prehearing Order, intervener status was granted to ChargePoint, Inc. and participation status was granted to Public Service Electric and Gas Company.³ By email dated June 22, 2021, Commissioner Gordon granted the parties’ request to suspend the Procedural Schedule to facilitate settlement discussions. Following proper public notice, public hearings were held virtually on April 21, 2022, and July 20, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.⁴ No public comments were made at the hearings or filed with the Board.

By Order dated October 12, 2022, the Board approved a stipulation and authorized RECO to invest approximately \$7.6 million in the EV Program.⁵ As part of the stipulation approved by the Board, RECO was required to file a residential managed charging program by December 31, 2022.

DECEMBER 2022 PETITION

On December 20, 2022, and consistent with the October 2022 Order, RECO filed a petition with the Board seeking approval for a residential managed charging program (“RECO Petition”). According to RECO, the residential managed charging program was designed to develop customer off-peak charging behavior, encourage EV charging at beneficial times, and lead to the development of positive charging habits to minimize the need for additional distribution system infrastructure to serve peak demand and improve the use of existing utility assets. The proposed program has an approximate cost of \$3,833,931 and would provide incentives to customers who enroll and participate in the Company’s program after purchasing a residential charger on the Company’s online store.

² In re the Petition of Rockland Electric Company for Approval of an Electric Vehicle Program, Establishment of an Electric Vehicle Surcharge, and for Other Relief, BPU Docket No. EO20110730, Order dated January 27, 2021 (“January 2021 Order”).

³ In re the Petition of Rockland Electric Company for Approval of an Electric Vehicle Program, Establishment of an Electric Vehicle Surcharge, and for Other Relief, BPU Docket No. EO20110730, Order dated April 8, 2021.

⁴ Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, public hearings were held virtually.

⁵ In re the Petition of Rockland Electric Company for Approval of an Electric Vehicle Program, Establishment of an Electric Vehicle Surcharge, and for Other Relief, BPU Docket No. EO20110730, Order dated October 12, 2022 (“October 2022 Order”).

By Order dated January 25, 2023, the Board retained the RECO Petition for hearing, and designated Commissioner Gordon as the presiding commissioner 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 RECO Petition.⁶ Further, the Board directed that any entity seeking to intervene or participate file the appropriate application with the Board by March 1, 2023, and any motion for admission of counsel, pro hac vice, should be filed concurrently with such motions. No parties filed motions to intervene or participate by the March 1, 2023 deadline.

On March 31, 2023, Commissioner Gordon retired from State service.

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

This matter is still pending before the Board. N.J.S.A. 48:2-32 requires that the Board designate a presiding commissioner in all matters retained by the Board. Accordingly, the Board **HEREBY FINDS** that Commissioner Gordon is no longer the presiding commissioner in this matter due to his retirement from the Board, and **HEREBY DESIGNATES** Commissioner Christine Guhl-Sadovy as the presiding commissioner with the 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 RECO Petition. The parties shall work cooperatively to develop a procedural schedule to be brought to Commissioner Guhl-Sadovy for decision.

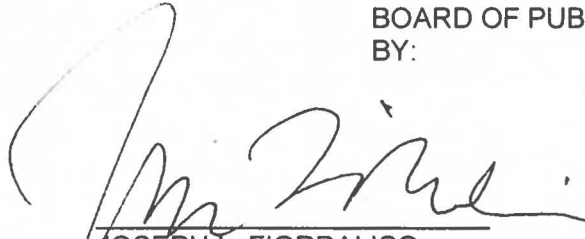
⁶ In re the Petition of Rockland Electric Company for Approval of an Electric Vehicle Program, Establishment of an Electric Vehicle Surcharge, and for Other Relief, BPU Docket Nos. EO20110730 & EO22120743, Order dated January 25, 2023.

The effective date of this Order is August 23, 2023.

DATED: August 16, 2023

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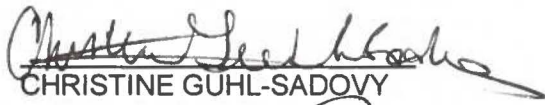
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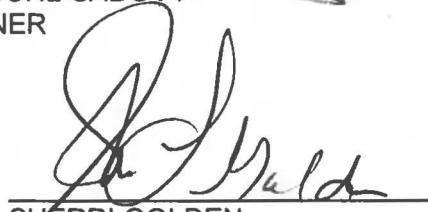


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SHERRI GOLDEN
SECRETARY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within
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APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE PROGRAM, ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ELECTRIC
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