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		CLEAN ENERGY
IN THE MATTER OF THE CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION OF COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY INCENTIVES EXCEEDING)))	ORDER
\$500,000 – ATLANTIC HEALTH SYSTEM)	DOCKET NO. QO24060424

Parties of Record:

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BY THE BOARD:

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") through New Jersey's Clean Energy Program ("NJCEP") manages several individual commercial and industrial ("C&I") energy efficiency ("EE") programs targeting the C&I market segments. Eligible applicants may receive rebates for a portion of the cost of installing energy efficient technologies such as light-emitting diode lighting, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning, and other energy conservation measures ("ECMs"). NJCEP offers incentives to large energy users to upgrade or install ECMs in existing buildings to help offset these capital costs. Incentives are also available for projects involving distributed energy resources. All proposed C&I EE financial incentives and rebates exceeding \$500,000 require explicit Board approval.¹

The Combined Heat and Power & Fuel Cell ("CHP-FC") Program is open to all C&I customers of investor-owned utilities. Incentives are disbursed upon completion of three program milestones: 1) proof of purchase of equipment; 2) project installation and operation, including successful inspection; and 3) acceptance and confirmation of achievement of the required performance thresholds based upon twelve months of operating data.

By this Order, the Board considers the application of Atlantic Health System ("Applicant"), submitted on May 4, 2023 under the Fiscal Year 2023 ("FY23") CHP-FC Program pursuant to the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program Plan Filing for FY23 dated April 12, 2023. The

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¹ In re the Comprehensive Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Resource Analysis for the 2009 Through 2012 Clean Energy Program -- Revised 2012-2013 Programs & Budgets - Revised Rebate Approval Process, BPU Docket No. EO07030203, Order dated May 3, 2013.

project is located at the Overlook Medical Center in Summit, New Jersey. Applicant requested a total financial incentive of \$3,000,000 for a project that is expected to cost \$10,290,813.

This project involves the installation of a 2,646-kilowatt combined heat and power system. It has a system efficiency of 71.8% and will have black start and islanding capabilities.²

The project is anticipated to annually produce 22,516,539 kilowatt-hours ("kWh") of electricity and 56,735.8 million British thermal units ("MMBtu") of recovered heat. The project is anticipated to save an estimated 13,358 MMBtu in cooling and an estimated 43,378 MMBtu in heating. The estimated payback period without incentives is 8.94 years; when factoring in the incentives, the estimated payback period is reduced to 6.33 years.

TRC Environmental Corporation ("TRC"), the Program Manager engaged by the Board to manage the CHP-FC program, attested to the accuracy of certain information regarding the project and that the project application adheres to the current terms and conditions of the program. Further, TRC, in its role as the NJCEP Program Administrator, certified that the incentives were calculated in accordance with the program's policies and procedures, the listed amounts are the true and accurate estimated incentives for which Applicant is eligible, and the documentation supporting estimated energy savings inputs was located, reviewed, and made available to calculate the rebate amounts as required by the program's policies and procedures. Based on these certifications and the information provided by TRC, Board Staff recommends approval of the above-referenced application.

FINDINGS

The Board <u>HEREBY ORDERS</u> the approval of the aforementioned application for the total estimated incentive amount of \$3,000,000 for Atlantic Health System and <u>AUTHORIZES</u> issuance of a standard commitment letter to the Applicant identified above, setting forth the terms and conditions of this commitment.

² Black start is the ability for power generation to restart parts of a power system to recover from an outage. Islanding is the ability for a power system to operate independently of a power grid during an outage.

The effective date of this Order is August 21, 2024.

DATED: August 14, 2024

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public Utilities.

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