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<u>ENERGY</u>

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IN THE MATTER OF THE NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES' CONSIDERATION OF ELECTRIC RATE IMPACTS BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2025

DOCKET NO. EX25040210

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BY THE BOARD:

BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On February 12, 2025, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") certified the results of the Residential and Small Commercial Pricing ("RSCP"), and Commercial and Industrial Energy Pricing ("CIEP"), Basic Generation Service ("BGS") Auctions (collectively "Auctions") for the State's four (4) electric distribution companies: Atlantic City Electric Company; Jersey Central Power & Light Company; Public Service Electric and Gas Company; and Rockland Electric Company (collectively, "EDCs") to satisfy supply requirements for the EDCs' BGS customers for the period June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2026.¹

The Board's authority over the auctions is limited to certifying the results as consistent with market conditions and does not extend to influence pricing. Based upon the Board-certified results, the projected average monthly customer bill increases, beginning June 1, 2025, range from 17.23% to 20.20%, depending on the EDC service territory the customer resides in. These price increases largely stem from the July 2024 PJM Base Residual Auction. Since the BGS Auctions were certified, concerns have grown due to ongoing inquiries and challenges to the auction's results.

¹ In re the Provision of Basic Generation Service (BGS) For the Period Beginning June 1, 2025, BPU Docket No. ER24030191, Order dated February 12, 2025.

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

The Board is responsible for ensuring that all regulated utility rates are just and reasonable.² While the auction results were certified as consistent with market conditions, the Board remains concerned about the total bill impact starting June 1, 2025, particularly for residential customers. As such, the Board <u>HEREBY</u> <u>ORDERS</u> the EDCs to file petitions with the Board providing distribution side proposals to mitigate bill impacts to residential customers during high usage summer months. The proposals shall include, but not be limited to, proposals to defer those impacts, and shall include supporting calculations. The Board <u>FURTHER DIRECTS</u> the EDCs to file the petitions on or before May 5, 2025.

The Board has determined that the petitions expected to be filed should be retained by the Board for hearing. Accordingly, as authorized by N.J.S.A. 48:2-32, the Board <u>HEREBY DESIGNATES</u> President Guhl-Sadovy as the presiding commissioner for the filings, who is authorized to rule on all motions that arise during the pendency of the proceedings and modify any schedules that may be set as necessary to secure just and expeditious determination of the issues.

All documents required to be submitted to the Board, including the required petitions and calculations, and draft public hearing notices shall be filed with the Board's Secretary and shall also be submitted in electronic and reviewable form, including Excel spreadsheets with formulas. Additionally, all documents filed with the Board shall also be provided concurrently to the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel.

² N.J.S.A. 48:2-21

Agenda Date: 4/23/25 Agenda Item: LSA

The effective date of this Order is April 23, 2025.

DATED: April 23, 2025

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COMMISSIONER

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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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