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IN THE MATTER OF THE NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES' CONSIDERATION OF ELECTRIC RATE IMPACTS BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2025))))	ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION DOCKET NO. EX25040210
IN THE MATTER OF THE NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES' CONSIDERATION OF ELECTRIC RATE IMPACTS BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2025 – JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY))))	 DOCKET NO. ER25050278

PARTIES OF RECORD:

Brian O. Lipman, Esq., Director, New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel
Gregory Eisenstark, Esq., Cozen O'Connor, on behalf of Jersey Central Power & Light Company

BY THE BOARD:

By this Decision and Order, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") considers a stipulation of settlement ("Stipulation") executed by Jersey Central Power & Light Company ("JCP&L" or "Company"), the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel"), and Board Staff ("Staff") (collectively, "Parties") related to JCP&L's petition filed in response to the Board's April 23, 2025, Order directing New Jersey's four (4) electric distribution companies to submit distribution-side proposals to reduce the impact of rate increases affecting residential ratepayers beginning June 1, 2025 ("Petition").¹

¹ In re the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Consideration of Electric Rate Impacts Beginning June 1, 2025, BPU Docket No. EX25040210, Order dated April 23, 2025 ("April 2025 Order").

BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On February 12, 2025, the Board certified the results of the Residential and Small Commercial Pricing, and Commercial and Industrial Energy Pricing, Basic Generation Service (“BGS”) Auctions (collectively, “Auctions”) for the State’s four (4) electric distribution companies: Atlantic City Electric Company (“ACE”); JCP&L; 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, 2026.²

The Board’s authority over the Auctions is limited to certifying the results as consistent with market conditions. The Board has no authority 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 customer’s EDC service territory. These price increases largely stem from the July 2024 PJM Base Residual Auction (“BRA”). After Board certification, concerns have grown due to ongoing inquiries and challenges to the BRA’s results.

By the April 2025 Order, the Board directed the EDCs to file petitions, on or before May 5, 2025, providing distribution-side proposals to mitigate the bill impacts to residential customers during the high usage summer months. Additionally, the Board designated President Christine Guhl-Sadovy as presiding commissioner with the authority to rule on all motions that may arise during the pendency of the proceedings, and to modify all schedules that may be set as necessary to ensure a just and expeditious determination of the issues.

Via correspondence dated May 1, 2025, ACE, with the consent of the EDCs, requested an extension to file petitions to May 7, 2025, noting that the EDCs’ rate mitigation proposals would benefit from additional time to prepare. On May 2, 2025, Rate Counsel consented to the May 7, 2025, extension. By Order dated May 5, 2025, President Guhl-Sadovy granted the requested extension.³

JCP&L Filing

On May 7, 2025, JCP&L filed the Petition in response to the April 2025 Order.

By the Petition, JCP&L modeled three (3) temporary rate mitigation scenarios: 1) mitigation of 100% of the June 1, 2025 anticipated BGS increase; 2) mitigation of fifty percent (50%) of the increase; and 3) mitigation of twenty-five percent (25%) of the increase with sixty percent (60%) of the credit applied to usage less than or equal to 600 kilowatt-hours (“kWh”) and forty percent (40%) of the credit applied to usage in excess of 600 kWh. According to JCP&L, the Company modeled these same scenarios for extreme weather conditions based on ten (10) years of high summer and low winter usage [i.e., increasing the forecasted kWh to reflect the hottest summer (2016) and decreasing the forecasted kWh to reflect the mildest winter (2020)].

The results of the modeled scenarios in the Petition each assume: 1) the temporary rate credit begins July 1, 2025 and ends on September 30, 2025; 2) JCP&L defers the unrecovered revenues to a regulatory asset during the deferral period; 3) the regulatory asset would accrue carrying costs

² 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.

³ In re the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities’ Consideration of Electric Rate Impacts Beginning June 1, 2025, BPU Docket No. EX25040210, Order dated May 5, 2025.

at 5.68%, which is the rate for JCP&L's short-term revolving credit facility from July 1, 2025 through the date at which the deferred amount is fully recovered through rates; 4) the temporary rate credit ends and JCP&L will begin recovering the deferred amount, with carrying costs, on October 1, 2025; 5) the regulatory asset, including carrying costs, would be recovered over the eight (8)-month period of October 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026; 6) the amortization/recovery of the deferred amount would end with service rendered on June 1, 2026; and 7) any amount of the regulatory asset that remain as of that date, whether positive or negative, would be rolled into the Company's Non-Utility Generation Charge ("NGC") rate clause balance.

To accomplish the temporary rate credit, JCP&L indicated that it will create and use a new rate rider titled "Rider Temporary Supply Offset Clause" ("Rider TSOC") by establishing deferred accounting in a regulatory asset. The Company identified that it will defer the credit applied to customer bills in a regulatory asset for the period of July 1 to September 30, 2025, with the subsequent charge reducing the regulatory asset for the recovery period of October 2025 through May 2026 ("Recovery Period"). The Company proposed to calculate a monthly carrying charge at 5.68% on the average balance net of tax. Effective October 1, 2025, the temporary rate credit will end and the Company will initiate the Rider TSOC rate to recover the deferred regulatory asset balance through May 31, 2026. In addition, the Company will net the remaining balance as of May 31, 2026 against the Company's Rider NGC for reconciliation purposes, thus eliminating the need to file a final true-up for the Rider TSOC mechanism. According to JCP&L, if approved by the Board, the temporary rate credit will only apply to customers taking service under Rate Schedule RS (Residential Service).

By the Petition, JCP&L also proposed alternative measures that do not reduce rates but could provide other forms of relief for customers facing higher electric bills this summer. Specifically, JCP&L proposed to implement a limited summer shut-off moratorium for the months of July, August, and September 2025 using the Winter Moratorium Protected criteria; to make enhanced deferred payment agreements ("DPAs") available to all customers in addition to the already required single twelve (12)-month DPA; and to disable security deposit warning letters and deposit assessments for USF customers during the months of July, August, and September 2025.

STIPULATION

Following a review of the Petition, conducting discovery, and discussions, the Parties executed the Stipulation, which provides for the following:⁴

1. For the two (2)-month period July through August 2025, JCP&L will apply a credit of \$30.00, including Sales and Use Tax (“SUT”), to each residential electric customer’s monthly bill. For the six (6)-month period beginning September 2025 through February 2026, JCP&L will apply a charge to each electric customer monthly bill of \$10.00, including SUT.
2. JCP&L will forego recovery of carrying costs on the outstanding balance of the amount credited from July 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026.⁵
3. The credit and charge described in Paragraph 1 of the Stipulation will be identified on each residential customer’s bill as the “Electric Generation/Capacity Cost Deferral” for the July-August 2025 period, and the “Electric Generation/Capacity Cost Deferral Recovery” from September 2025 through February 2026, respectively.
4. As a result of normal occurrences of customers entering and exiting JCP&L’s service territory over the course of a typical year, the Parties anticipate that, as of February 28, 2026, the amount credited by JCP&L will not exactly match the amount charged pursuant to Paragraph 1 of the Stipulation. JCP&L will roll over any under- or over-recovery that remains as of March 1, 2026 (whether positive or negative) into the Company’s Non-Utility Generation Charge (Rider NGC) rate clause balance.
5. The Company agrees to extend WTP protections from July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025 to eligible residential customers who either receive assistance from any of the eight payment assistance programs, as set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:3-3A.5(a)(1) through (8), or are unable to pay their utility bills due to circumstances beyond their control, as set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:3-3A.5(a)(9). The Company also agrees to extend WTP protections to customers currently covered by Linda’s Law who utilize life sustaining equipment powered by electricity and any list of customers used by the Company to comply with the requirements under N.J.A.C. 14:3-3A.2 and -3A.4.⁶
6. Beginning October 1, 2025, JCP&L will cease applying WTP provisions during any period not prescribed by the WTP requirements.

⁴ Although summarized in this Order, should there be any conflict between this summary and the Stipulation, the terms of the Stipulation control, subject to the findings and conclusions in this Order. Paragraphs are lettered and/or numbered to coincide with the Stipulation.

⁵ It should be noted that these measures proposed by the State of New Jersey represent a unique response to an extraordinary event such that the Stipulation and JCP&L’s agreement to waive its carrying charges should be viewed as a one-time, non-precedent setting concession as a result of these specific circumstances.

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7. For any residential customer who requests an installment payment plan to pay overdue billed amounts, JCP&L will offer an extended installment payment plan with affordable monthly payments with a term up to twenty-four (24) months, at the discretion of the customer. Beginning October 1, 2025, JCP&L will return to its ordinary installment payment plan procedures.
8. JCP&L will also waive all residential reconnection fees during the period July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025.

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

The Board reviewed the record in this proceeding, including the Petition and the Stipulation, and **HEREBY FINDS** the Stipulation to be reasonable, in the public interest, and in accordance with the law. Accordingly, the Board **HEREBY ADOPTS** the attached Stipulation in its entirety, and **HEREBY INCORPORATES** its terms and conditions as though fully stated herein, subject to any terms and conditions set forth in this Order.

Accordingly, the Board **HEREBY ORDERS** JCP&L to file revised tariff sheets conforming to the terms of the Stipulation by July 1, 2025.

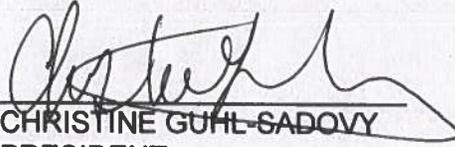
The Company's costs remain subject to audit by the Board. As such, this Decision and Order shall not preclude or prohibit the Board from taking any actions determined to be appropriate as a result of any such audit.

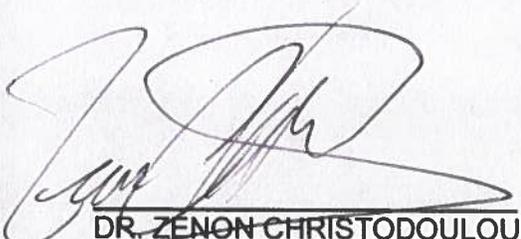
The Board **HEREBY RATIFIES** the decision and Order issued by President Guhl-Sadovy during the pendency of this proceeding for the reasons set forth in that Order.

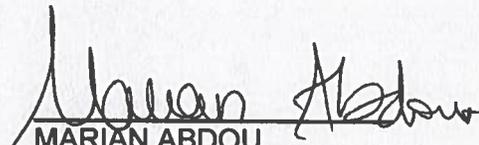
The effective date of this Order is June 18, 2025.

DATED: June 18, 2025

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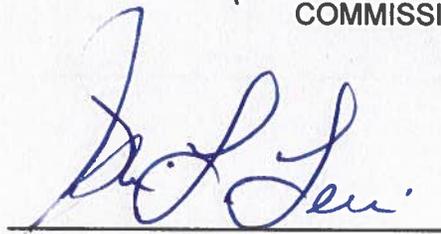

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IN THE MATTER OF THE NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES' CONSIDERATION OF ELECTRIC RATE
IMPACTS BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2025
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**Re: In the Matter of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Consideration of Electric Rate Impacts Beginning June 1, 2025
BPU Docket No. EX25040210
and
In the Matter of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Consideration of Electric Rate Impacts Beginning June 1, 2025 - Jersey Central Power & Light Company
BPU Dkt. No. ER25050278**

Dear Secretary Lewis:

This firm represents Jersey Central Power & Light Company in the above-referenced matter.

Enclosed for filing is a Stipulation of Settlement, which has been executed by all parties in this matter.

This document is being filed with the Board Secretary electronically only, consistent with the Board's Order dated March 19, 2020 (Docket No. EO20030254) directing that all submissions to the Board, of any kind, be submitted electronically. I hereby confirm that copies of this letter and the Stipulation of Settlement are on this day being duly served electronically upon the parties on the attached service list. We would appreciate if the Board Secretary's office would please acknowledge receipt of this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

COZEN O'CONNOR



By: Gregory Eisenstark

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cc: Service List (*via electronic mail*)

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**IN THE MATTER BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES' CONSIDERATION
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STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

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TO THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

This Stipulation of Settlement (“Stipulation”) is hereby made and executed as of the dates provided below, by and among the Jersey Central Power and Light (“JCP&L” or “Company”), Staff of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) (“Staff”), and the New Jersey Division

of Rate Counsel (“Rate Counsel”) (collectively, “Parties”). The Parties hereby recommend that the Board issue an Order adopting the terms of this Stipulation, which are as follows:

BACKGROUND

By Order dated April 23, 2025, the Board directed the State’s electric public utilities (“EDCs”) to file petitions proposing distribution-side measures to mitigate residential customer bill impacts during the high-usage summer months.¹ Subsequently, on May 7, 2025, JCP&L filed a petition in compliance with the April 2025 Order, outlining options for the creation of a “Temporary Supply Offset Clause” (“TSOC”) effective for service provided through May 31, 2026 (“Petition”). By the Petition, JCP&L explained that the purpose of the TSOC is to provide temporary relief, beginning July 1, 2025, from the electric bill increases that were to occur beginning June 1, 2025 following the implementation of increased Basic Generation Service (“BGS”) rates resulting from the BGS Auctions conducted in February 2025.

By the Petition, JCP&L outlined four (4) options for TSOC credits and charges, as advised by Board Staff, to offset the June 1, 2025 BGS rate increase for the months of July, August, and September 2025, plus accumulated carrying costs.² Collection of the deferred amounts would occur over the remainder of the energy year, October 2025 through May 31, 2026 (except for final reconciliation). The options outlined included:

- Option 1: 100% deferral – the entire BGS increase would be offset by the credit equally across the two summer BGS rate blocks;

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² JCP&L proposed that these scenarios would apply to all customers on Rate Schedule RS (Residential Service) but would exclude customers taking Residential Time-of-Day Service (Rate Schedule RT), Residential Geothermal & Heat Pump Service (Rate Schedule RGT) and Water Heating Service (Rate Schedule RS) due to the anticipated negative impacts to those excluded customers during the winter heating months.

- Option 2: Fifty percent (50%) deferral – half of the BGS increase would be offset by the credit equally across the two summer BGS rate blocks; or
- Option 3a: Twenty-five percent (25%) deferral – one-quarter of the BGS increase would be offset by the credit equally across the two summer BGS rate blocks.
- Option 3b: Twenty-five percent (25%) deferral – one-quarter of the BGS increase would be offset by the credit, whereby 60% of the increase would be applied to the first 600 kWh of monthly usage and 40% is applied to usage above 600kWh.

By the Petition and supporting documentation, JCP&L explained that, because a credit would be applied in July, August and September, and a charge would be imposed from October through May, the average residential customer would experience lower summer bills and higher winter bills than they would have absent the TSOC. The combined impact of the TSOC on individual customers would differ due to differences in summer and winter usage profiles; customers who use more electricity in the summer and less in the winter would experience flattening of rates over the course of the year.

JCP&L also outlined alternative mitigation measures that could be implemented in addition to, or in lieu of, possible implementation of a TSOC, as temporary enhancements to its payment and collection practices. These options include the implementation of a limited summer shut-off moratorium (“Summer Moratorium”) under which it would suspend collection activities for July, August and September 2025 for self-reported vulnerable customers (defined using the same criteria as Winter Moratorium Protected) and the offering of enhanced deferred payment agreements (“DPA”) for all customers, which would provide the option for a second DPA in addition to the regulatory required single DPA in a rolling 12-month period.

JCP&L further stated in the Petition that it would continue to implement existing programs and would be willing to take other steps to assist customers such as disabling security deposit warning letters and deposit assessments for residential customers receiving Universal Service Fund assistance during July, August, and September 2025.

On May 14, 2025, Governor Murphy issued a press release addressing electricity prices (“Press Release”). Governor Murphy noted that New Jersey customers are preparing for an unprecedented increase in utility costs, stating that “[w]hile the utilities are not responsible for the rate increases, they have a responsibility to protect ratepayers.” Specifically, the Governor urged the EDCs to expand the Winter Termination Program (“WTP”), which prevents residential service disconnections in the winter months for qualifying customers, to the months of July through September 2025 and to suspend reconnection fees associated with utility shutoffs for nonpayment of bills to a certain date past the summer peak usage months.

STIPULATION

Following review of the Petition, the Amended Petition, the Company’s discovery responses and engaging in settlement discussions, the Parties hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

1. For the two (2)-month period July through August 2025, JCP&L will apply a credit of \$30.00, including Sales and Use Tax (“SUT”), to each residential electric customer’s monthly bill. For the six (6)-month period beginning September 2025 through February 2026, JCP&L will apply a charge to each electric customer monthly bill of \$10.00, including SUT.

2. JCP&L will forego recovery of carrying costs on the outstanding balance of the amount credited from July 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026.³

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3. The credit and charge described in Paragraph 1 above will be identified on each residential customer's bill as the "Electric Generation/Capacity Cost Deferral" for the July-August 2025 period, and the "Electric Generation/Capacity Cost Deferral Recovery" from September 2025 through February 2026, respectively.

4. As a result of normal occurrences of customers entering and exiting JCP&L's service territory over the course of a typical year, the Parties anticipate that, as of February 28, 2026, the amount credited by JCP&L will not exactly match the amount charged pursuant to Paragraph 1 above. JCP&L will roll over any under- or over-recovery that remains as of March 1, 2026 (whether positive or negative) into the Company's Non-Utility Generation Charge (Rider NGC) rate clause balance.

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monthly payments with a term up to 24 months, at the discretion of the customer. Beginning October 1, 2025, JCP&L will return to its ordinary installment payment plan procedures.

8. JCP&L will also waive all residential reconnection fees during the period July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025.

9. This Stipulation represents a mutual balancing of interests, contains interdependent provisions and, therefore, is intended to be accepted and approved in its entirety. In the event any particular aspect of this Stipulation is not accepted and approved in its entirety by the Board, any Party aggrieved thereby shall not be bound to proceed with this Stipulation and shall have the right to litigate all issues addressed herein to a conclusion. More particularly, in the event that this Stipulation is not adopted in its entirety by the Board in any applicable Order(s), then any Party hereto is free to pursue its then available legal remedies with respect to all issues addressed in this Stipulation as though this Stipulation had not been signed.

10. The Parties agree that they consider the Stipulation to be binding on them for all purposes herein.

11. It is specifically understood and agreed that this Stipulation represents a negotiated agreement and has been made exclusively for the purpose of these proceedings. Except as expressly provided herein, JCP&L, Board Staff, and Rate Counsel shall not be deemed to have approved, agreed to, or consented to any principle or methodology underlying or supposed to underlie any agreement provided herein, in total or by specific item. The Parties further agree that this Stipulation is in no way binding upon them in any other proceeding, except to enforce the terms of this Stipulation.

12. The Parties further acknowledge that a Board Order approving this Stipulation will become effective upon the service of said Board Order or upon such date after the service thereof as the Board may specify in accordance with N.J.S.A. 48:2-40.

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