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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

A Regular Board meeting of the Board of Public Utilities was held on January 18, 2012, at the State House Annex, Committee Room 11, 125 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08608.

Public notice was given pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 10:4-18 by posting notice of the meeting at the Board's Trenton Office, on the Board's website, filing notice of the meeting with the New Jersey Department of State and the following newspapers circulated in the State of New Jersey:

Asbury Park Press
Atlantic City Press
Burlington County Times
Courier Post (Camden)
Home News Tribune (New Brunswick)
North Jersey Herald and News (Passaic)
The Record (Hackensack)
The Star Ledger (Newark)
The Trenton Times

The following members of the Board of Public Utilities were present:

Robert M. Hanna, President Jeanne M. Fox, Commissioner Joseph L. Fiordaliso, Commissioner Nicholas Asselta, Commissioner Mary-Anna Holden, Commissioner

President Hanna presided at the meeting and Kristi Izzo, Secretary of the Board, carried out the duties of Secretary.

It was announced that the next regular Board Meeting would be held on February 10, 2012 at the State House Annex, Committee Room 11, 125 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08608 but that the BGS auctions will be held on February 2 and February 3, 2012. The Board will meet to consider the auction results within two days of the close of the auction and the notice concerning these meetings is on the Board's website.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

After appropriate motion, the following matter, which involved pending litigation and/or attorneyclient privilege, was discussed in Executive Session.

2. ENERGY

F. Docket No. EO12010013 - In the Matter of the Request for an Investigation of Public Service Electric and Gas Company.

Discussion: Chief Counsel Kenneth Sheehan indicated a newspaper article was printed in late December of 2011 concerning a whistleblower lawsuit by 3 former employees of Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) regarding the alleged misuse of state funds. New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel subsequently filed a petition asking the Board to investigate the allegations.

As PSE&G has yet to file its response, the Board determined it was premature to take any investigative action, but that it would authorize Counsel's Office to send a letter to the parties informing them of the Board's interest and requesting copies of all documents in this matter. Once the information has been received and reviewed, the Board could then determine the most appropriate course of action.

The Board noted its concerns about the seriousness of the allegations, but that it did not want to be perceived as prejudging the situation without more facts.

After appropriate motion, the Board reconvened to Open Session.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

BOARD SECRETARY

DATE: March 24, 2017