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DIVISION OF ENERGY AND
OFFICE OF CLEAN ENERGY

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF PUBLIC)	ORDER DESIGNATING
ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL)	COMMISSIONER AND
OF EXTENSION OF A SOLAR GENERATION)	SETTING MANNER OF
INVESTMENT PROGRAM AND ASSOCIATED COST)	SERVICE
RECOVERY MECHANISM AND FOR CHANGES IN THE)	
TARIFF FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE, B.P.U.N.J. NO 15)	
ELECTRIC PURSUANT TO <u>N.J.S.A. 48:2-21</u> , <u>N.J.S.A.</u>)	
<u>48:2-21.1</u> and <u>N.J.S.A. 48:3-98.1</u>)	DOCKET NO. EO12080721

(NOTIFICATION LIST ATTACHED)

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BY THE BOARD¹:

BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On January 13, 2008, L. 2007, c. 340 ("Act") was signed into law by former Governor Corzine based on the New Jersey Legislature's findings that energy efficiency and conservation measures must be essential elements of the State's energy future, and that greater reliance on energy efficiency and conservation will provide significant benefits to the citizens of New Jersey. The Legislature also found that public utility involvement and competition in the conservation and energy efficiency industries are essential to maximize efficiencies. N.J.S.A. 26:2C-45.

¹ Commissioner Mary-Anna Holden did not participate in this matter.

Pursuant to Section 13 of the Act, codified as N.J.S.A. 48:3-98.1 (a)(1), an electric or gas public utility may, among other things, provide and invest in energy efficiency and conservation programs in its service territory on a regulated basis. Such investment in energy efficiency and conservation programs may be eligible for rate treatment approved by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board"), including a return on equity, or other incentives or rate mechanisms that decouple utility revenue from sales of electricity and gas. N.J.S.A. 48:3-98.1(b). Ratemaking treatment may include placing appropriate technology and program cost investments in the utility's rate base, or recovering the utility's technology and program costs through another ratemaking methodology approved by the Board. An electric or gas public utility seeking cost recovery for any energy efficiency and conservation programs pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-98.1 must file a petition with the Board.

August 2012 Filing

On August 1, 2012, Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G" or "Company") filed the instant petition with the Board. By letter dated August 31, 2012, Board Staff notified PSE&G that the filing was administratively incomplete. On September 12, 2012, PSE&G submitted a supplemental filing to address the deficiencies outlined in the August 31 letter from Staff. Subsequently, Board Staff notified PSE&G that with the information submitted in the September 12 supplemental filing, the filing was administratively complete.²

In the petition, PSE&G seeks approval to extend its current Solar 4 All Program through the addition of four distinct segments. ("S4A Extension Program") Under the proposal, PSE&G would develop an additional 136 megawatt ("MW") dc of solar photovoltaic systems ("Solar Systems"). It is estimated that the S4A Extension Program's capital investment will be approximately \$690 million over a five year period. PSE&G proposes to recover all S4A Extension Program costs through a new component of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Recovery Charge.

DISCUSSION

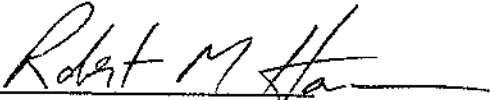
The Board has determined that the petition described above should be retained by the Board for hearing and, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-32, **HEREBY DESIGNATES** President Robert M. Hanna as the presiding officer who is authorized to rule on all motions that arise during the pendency of these proceedings and modify any schedules that may be set as necessary to secure a just and expeditious determination of the issues.

² N.J.S.A. 48:3-98.1 requires the Board to decide cost recovery issues within 180 days. Pursuant to the Board Order issued in response to a further statutory directive within that section, Board Staff must review a petition for completeness within 30 days and, when a petition is determined to be complete, set the beginning of the 180-day period. In the Matter of the Electric Public Utilities and Gas Public Utilities Offering Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programs, Investing in Class I Renewable Energy Resources, and Offering Class I Renewable Energy Programs in their Respective Service Territories on a Regulated Basis Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-98.1, Dkt. No. EO08030164 (May 8, 2008). Accordingly, the 180-day period for a Board determination commenced on September 12, 2012.


In the interests of economy, all parties are **HEREBY DIRECTED** to serve all documents electronically, while still providing hard copies to the Board for those documents which must be filed with the Board, and also providing two (2) hard copies to each party, unless otherwise requested by the parties. Finally, the Board **HEREBY DIRECTS** Staff to post this Order on the Board's website.


DATED: 10/23/12

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
BY:


ROBERT M. HANNA
PRESIDENT


JEANNE M. FOX
COMMISSIONER

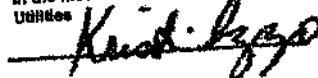

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NICHOLAS ASSELTA
COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


KRISTI IZZO
SECRETARY

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



In the Matter of the Petition of Public Service Electric and Gas Company for Approval of an Extension of a Solar Generation Investment Program and Associated Cost Recovery Mechanism and for Changes in the Tariff for Electric Service, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.1 and N.J.S.A. 48:3-98.1
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