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IN THE MATTER OF THE VERIFIED PETITION OF JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF INCREASES IN AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS TO ITS RATES AND)	ORDER FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO ISSUE FINAL DECISION
CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE, AND FOR APPROVAL OF OTHER PROPOSED TARIFF REVISIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND FOR APPROVAL OF AN ACCELERATED RELIABILITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM ("2012 BASE RATE FILING"))	BPU DKT. NO. ER12111052 OAL DKT. NO. PUC16310-12

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BY THE BOARD1:

The Initial Decision of the Honorable Richard McGill, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") in the Jersey Central Power & Light Company ("JCP&L") 2012 Base Rate Case was received by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") on January 9, 2015; therefore, the 45-day statutory period for review and the issuing of a Final Decision will expire on February 23, 2015.

¹ Commissioner Upendra J. Chivukula recused himself due to a potential conflict of interest and as such took no part in the discussion or deliberation of this matter.

The Initial Decision required JCP&L to file revised tariff sheets within ten days, even though under N.J.A.C. 1:1-18.4 exceptions to that decision were due within thirteen days from the date of mailing. Accordingly, all exceptions were due on January 22, 2015. By letter dated January 16, 2015 Board staff requested a two week extension of the time to file exceptions to allow Board staff, and the other parties, to complete their review of the Initial Decision and revised tariff sheets prior to the filing of exceptions. By Order dated January 21, 2015, the Board granted an extension of the time to file exceptions to February 5, 2015, and an extension for the filing of replies to February 19, 2015. Additionally, the Board directed Staff to circulate a revised Consolidated Tax Adjustment ("CTA") calculation for comment by the parties during this period.

Accordingly, prior to the date the Final Decision is due, the Board <u>HEREBY REQUESTS</u> an additional 45-day extension of time for issuing the Final Decision to provide sufficient time to adequately review the voluminous record in this matter including the exceptions and replies, and the additional comments from the parties on the revised CTA calculation circulated by Staff.

Good cause having been shown, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:14B-10(c) and <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 1:1-18.8, <u>IT IS ORDERED</u> that the time limit for the Board to render a Final Decision is extended until April 9, 2015.

The effective date of this Order is February 23, 2015.

DATED: 2/11/15

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