

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Post Office Box 350 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350 www.nj.gov/bpu/

AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETING
The meeting will be held on
Wednesday, April 7, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

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#### **Executive Session**

(Open Session will not reconvene until the conclusion of the Executive Session, which will commence at 10:00 a.m. The only business to be conducted in the 10:00 a.m. Open Session will be the reading of the public notice statement, roll call, and the exception, under the Open Public Meetings Act, for each item to be considered in Executive Session.)

# 1. AUDITS

**A.** Docket No. EA20090568 – In the Matter of an Audit of the Affiliated Transactions Between Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Public Service Enterprise Group and its Affiliates and a Comprehensive Management Audit of Public Service Electric and Gas Company Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-16.4, 48:3-49, 48:3-55, 48:3-56, 48:3-58 and N.J.A.C. 14:3-12.1 – 12.4, 14:4-3.7(e) and (f).

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# 8. CLEAN ENERGY

**A.** \*Docket No. QO20090624 – In the Matter of the Contract for Consulting Services for New Jersey's Whole House Pilot Program.

The Board will consider Staff's recommendations to award a contract for consulting services for the development, implementation, and evaluation of a whole house pilot program in New Jersey.



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## I. AUDITS

# A. <u>Energy Agent Initial Registrations</u>

EE21020105L	Rodan Energy Solutions (USA), Inc.	I – EA/EC
GE21030673L		

This matter relates to the above applicant being issued an initial license as an Energy Agent for one year.

# **Energy Agent, Private Aggregator and/or Energy Consultant Renewal Registrations**

EE20040287L	CIMA Energy Solutions, LLC	R – EA
EE20050333L	PGP Energy Corporation	R – EA
EE21020246L	XL Energy Corporation	R – EA
EE20110704L GE20110705L	FS Energy, LLC	R – EA/PA
EE21020249L GE21020251L	Energy Enablement, LLC	R – EA/PA
GE21020099L	NJHA Healthcare Business Solutions, Inc.	R – PA
EE21020267L GE21020272L	Marketing Systems Group, LLC	R – EA/PA/EC

# I. AUDITS (CONT'D)

EE21020288L Mondre Energy, Inc.

R - EA/PA/EC

These matters relate to the above applicants being issued renewal registrations as an energy agent, private aggregator and/or energy agent consultant for one year.

# Electric Power and Natural Gas Supplier Renewal Licenses

<u>EE19020153L</u> Gateway Energy Services Corporation R– EGSL GE19020152L

This matter relates to the above applicant being issued renewal registrations as an Electric Power and Natural Gas Supplier for one year.

#### II. ENERGY

NO ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

#### III. CABLE TELEVISION

NO ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

#### IV. TELECOMMUNICATIONS

A. Docket No. TM21020134 – In the Matter of the Verified Joint Petition of Lingo Communications, LLC, Transferor; Lingo Communications of the Northeast, LLC, Licensee; Matrix Telecom, LLC, Licensee; and B. Riley Principal Investments, LLC, Transferee, for Approval to Transfer Indirect Control of Lingo Communications of the Northeast, LLC and Matrix Telecom, LLC to B. Riley Principal Investments, LLC.

Lingo Communications, LLC, and two of its subsidiaries Lingo Communications of the Northeast, LLC and Matrix Telecom, LLC, both authorized CLEC's in New Jersey, filed a petition with the Board for the approval to consummate a transaction in which the indirect control of both Lingo Communications of the Northeast, LLC and Matrix Telecom, LLC would be transferred to B. Riley Principal Investments, LLC.

**B.** Docket No. TF21010036 – In the Matter of BCM One, Inc. – Referred to as ("BCM") Petition for Approval to Obtain Debt Financing.

BCM One, a telecommunications company, is requesting Board authorization for financing up to \$100 million for the purposes of refinancing existing debt, potential acquisition of similar competitive companies offering complementary services and general corporate activities.

# IV. TELECOMMUNICATIONS (CONT'D)

C. Docket No. TF20120748 – In the Matter of the Verified Petition of PEG Bandwidth NJ, LLC and Uniti National, LLC for Approval to Participate in Certain Modified Additional Financing Arrangements.

PEG Bandwidth and Uniti National seek Board authorization to borrow up to \$575 Million from an existing revolving credit line through 2025.

#### V. WATER

A. Docket Nos. BPU WR19121516 and OAL PUC 17894-2019S – In the Matter of the Petition of New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. for Approval of Increased Tariff Rates and Charges for Water and Wastewater Service, and Other Tariff Modifications – Request for Extension.

The Initial Decision of Administrative Law Judge Jacob Gerstman was received by the Board on March 3, 2021. Therefore, the statutory period for review and Issuing a Final Decision will expire on April 7, 2021. The Board will be requesting an additional 45-Day extension of time for Issuing the Final Decision in order to adequately review the extensive record for this matter.

#### VI. RELIABILITY AND SECURITY

NO ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

## VII. CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE

A. Docket Nos. BPU WC19101333U and OAL PUC 17770-19 – In the Matter of Theodore Ubanwa, Petitioner v. New Jersey American Water Company, Respondent – Request for Extension.

This matter involves a billing dispute between Theodore Ubanwa and NJ American Water Company. Mr. Ubanwa alleges that he was improperly billed.

## VIII. CLEAN ENERGY

NO ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

#### IX. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Approval of Minutes for the February 17, 2021 Agenda Meeting.



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### 2. ENERGY

**A.** Docket No. ER21030631 – In the Matter of the Provision of Basic Generation Service (BGS) for the Period Beginning June 1, 2022.

The Board will consider Staff's recommendations related to the initiation of the proceeding to determine how Basic Generation Service will be procured for the period beginning June 1, 2022.

# 2. ENERGY (CONT'D)

**B.** Docket No. GR20090625 – In the Matter of the Petition of New Jersey Natural Gas Company for the Annual Review and Revision of Societal Benefits Charge Factors for Remediation Year 2020.

The Board will consider New Jersey Natural Gas Company's 2020 Societal Benefits Charge filing. The parties have executed a stipulation for final rates, which if approved by the Board, will result in an increase of \$10.80 to the annual bill of a typical residential customer using 1,000 therms.

C. Docket Nos. BPU ER20020146 and OAL PUC 04343-2020N – In the Matter of the Verified Petition of Jersey Central Power and Light Company for Review and Approval of Increases in and Other Adjustments to its Rates and Charges for Electric Service, and for Approval of Other Proposed Tariff Revisions in Connection Therewith ("2020 Base Rate Filing").

The Board will consider the prudency review of certain expenditures related to Jersey Central Power and Light Company's Reliability Plus program.

#### 3. CABLE TELEVISION

NO ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

#### 4. TELECOMMUNICATIONS

NO ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

#### 5. WATER

NO ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

#### 6. RELIABILITY AND SECURITY

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**B.** Docket No. QO21030678 – In the Matter of the New Jersey Clean Energy Program Fiscal Year 2021 Community Energy Planning; and

<u>Docket No. QO21030676 – In the Matter of the New Jersey Clean Energy Program Fiscal Year 2021 Community Energy Planning for the Township of Lawrence.</u>

The Board will consider awarding a Community Energy Planning Grant to Lawrence Township.

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<u>Docket No. QO21030677 – In the Matter of the New Jersey Clean Energy Program</u> Fiscal Year 2021 Community Energy Planning for Jersey City.

The Board will consider awarding a Community Energy Planning Grant to Jersey City.

**D.** Docket No. QO20100664 – In the Matter of Cavallo Petition for Enforcement of Environmental Information Disclosure (EID) rules and for Amendments to EID Rules.

The Board will consider the petition of Alfred Cavallo seeking enforcement of and amendment to the Board's Environmental Information Disclosure rules.

**E.** Docket No. QO20120737 – In the Matter of Dr. Vijay Kamath – Request for Inclusion into the Solar Renewable Energy Certificate (SREC) Program.

The Board will consider the petition of Dr. Vijay Kamath seeking to reverse the transfer of his solar project to the Transition Incentive Program from the SREC Registration Program.

**F.** <u>Docket No. QO21010066 – In the Matter of Petition to Review the Transfer of the SREC Registration (NJSRRE154410629) to the TREC Program (John Ranieri).</u>

The Board will consider the petition of John Ranieri seeking to reverse the transfer of his solar project to the Transition Incentive Program from the SREC Registration Program.

# 8. CLEAN ENERGY (CONT'D)

**G.** Docket No. QO21020316 – In the Matter of East Coast Power and Gas – Request Motion for Extension of Time Filing 2020 RPS Report.

The Board will consider the motion of East Coast Power and Gas for a ninety-day extension of time to file its statutorily required Renewable Portfolio Standard report with the Board.

H. Docket No QO19010040 – In the Matter of the Implementation of L. 2018, c. 17 Regarding the Establishment of Energy Efficiency and Peak Demand Reduction Programs; and

Docket No. GO20090618 – In the Matter of the Petition of South Jersey Gas Company for Approval of New Energy Efficiency Programs and Associated Cost Recovery Pursuant to the Clean Energy Act.

The Board will consider the petition from South Jersey Gas Company to implement three-year energy efficiency programs beginning on July 1, 2021.

I. Docket No QO19010040 – In the Matter of the Implementation of L. 2018, c. 17
Regarding the Establishment of Energy Efficiency and Peak Demand Reduction
Programs; and

Docket No. GO20090619 – In the Matter of the Petition of Elizabethtown Gas Company for Approval of New Energy Efficiency Programs and Associated Cost Recovery Pursuant to the Clean Energy Act and the Establishment of a Conservation Incentive Program.

The Board will consider the petition from Elizabethtown Gas Company to implement three-year energy efficiency programs beginning on July 1, 2021.

#### 9. MISCELLANEOUS

NO ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION