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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 July 15, 2020, via Teleconference: +1 301 715 8592 – Webinar ID: 944 5073 4900 watch online @ <u>https://youtu.be/3cCf8ra9CSs</u>

Public notice was given pursuant to N.J.S.A. 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:

Joseph L. Fiordaliso, President Mary-Anna Holden, Commissioner Dianne Solomon, Commissioner Upendra J. Chivukula, Commissioner Robert M. Gordon, Commissioner

President Fiordaliso presided at the meeting and Aida Camacho-Welch, Secretary of the Board, carried out the duties of the Secretary.

It was announced that the next Board Meeting would be held on July 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. via teleconference.

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## EXECUTIVE SESSION

After appropriate motion, the following matter, which involved pending litigation attorney/client privilege and/or contract negotiation pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act at N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)7 was discussed in Executive Session.

## 9. MISCELLANEOUS

## A. Docket No. EG20060445 – In the Matter of the Energy Assistance Grant as Authorized Under N.J.S.A. 48:2-29.39 – Payment Assistance for Gas and Electric Program.

Due to the forthcoming expiration of the current contract, Staff requested that the Board authorize the release of the Notice of Grant Availability for publication in the New Jersey Register to solicit bids from nonprofit organizations seeking to administer the Board's Payment Assistance for Gas and Electric (PAGE) program on an ongoing basis.

The Notice changes the current PAGE program's requirements in several ways to address the needs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, which includes:

- 1. Income eligibility;
- 2. Good faith payment requirement;
- 3. Security Deposits and Reconnection Fees;
- 4. Promotion of Board's Comfort Partners and Community Solar programs;
- 5. Protection of Client Data; and
- 6. Financial Controls.

Staff recommended a two-year contract with the option of extending for a third year.

After appropriate motion, the Board reconvened to Open Session.

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

Dida Camacho Welch

AIDA CAMACHO-WELCH SECRETARY

Date: September 14, 2021