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# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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# **ENERGY**

IN THE MATTER OF THE VERIFIED PETITION OF JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF INCREASES IN AND	)	ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE EXCEPTIONS
OTHER ADJUSTMENTS TO ITS RATES AND 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

#### Parties of Record:

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### BY THE BOARD1:

On January 8, 2015, the Honorable Richard McGill, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") issued an initial decision in the Jersey Central Power & Light Company ("JCP&L") 2012 Base Rate Case

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.

which was mailed to the parties on January 9, 2015. Pursuant to <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 1:1-18.4(a), parties may file written exceptions to the initial decision within 13 days from the date of mailing. Accordingly, all exceptions are due on January 22, 2015. Replies may be filed within five days from receipt of the exceptions. <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 1:1-18.4(d).

By letter dated January 16, 2015, Board staff requested a two week extension of the time to file exceptions, or until February 5, 2015 to allow Board staff, and the other parties, to thoroughly review of the initial decision and revised tariff sheets. Since ALJ McGill allowed JCP&L ten days from the issuance of the initial decision to file revised tariff sheets implementing a revenue reduction of \$107,489,352 consistent with the determined rate design, Board staff asserted there was insufficient time for that review prior to the current due date.

By letter dated January 16, 2015, Rate Counsel responded that it would accept a one week extension of time to file exceptions, until January 29, 2015, provided that the time for filing reply exceptions was also extended by an additional week. Rate Counsel maintained that a longer extension increased the ongoing costs to ratepayers. AARP agreed with Rate Counsel's position, while the remaining parties who responded did not oppose the requested extension.

After reviewing Board staff's request and Rate Counsel's response, to ensure there is sufficient time for careful review of the initial decision and revised tariff sheets, the Board <u>HEREBY ORDERS</u> that the time for filing exceptions in this matter is extended two week(s) until February 5, 2015, and the time for filing reply exceptions in this matter is extended two week(s) until February 19, 2015.

As Board staff will also be circulating a revised Consolidated Tax Adjustment ("CTA") calculation for comment by the parties as required by the Board's Order in that proceeding,<sup>2</sup> the Board is persuaded that this additional time is needed to allow adequate consideration and response by the parties before the Board's review.

DATED: 1/21/15

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In The Matter Of The Board's Review Of The Applicability And Calculation Of A Consolidated Tax Adjustment Policy, Docket No. EO12121072,

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