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**CLEAN ENERGY** 

ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION OF COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROGRAM ENERGY EFFICIENCY INCENTIVES EXCEEDING \$500,000 – MACK-CALI REALTY, LP

DOCKET NO. QO19010008

Parties of Record:

Jeffery E. Grant, Mack-Cali Realty, LP Stefanie A. Brand, Esq., Director, New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel

BY THE BOARD:

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") through its New Jersey Clean Energy Program ("NJCEP") includes several individual Commercial & Industrial ("C&I") Energy Efficiency ("EE") Programs targeting the commercial and industrial market segments. Eligible applicants may receive rebates for a portion of the cost for installing energy efficient technologies such as lighting, HVAC, and other energy conservation measures. All proposed C&I EE financial incentives and rebates exceeding \$500,000 require explicit Board approval. In the Matter of the Comprehensive Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Resource Analysis for the 2009 through 2012 Clean Energy Program -- Revised 2012-2013 Programs & Budgets - Revised Rebate Approval Process, BPU Docket No. EO07030203 (May 3, 2013).

The Large Energy Users Program ("LEUP") fosters self-investment in EE and combined heat and power projects for New Jersey's largest C&I customers. Incentives are awarded to customers that satisfy the program's eligibility and program requirements for investing in selfdirected energy projects that are customized to meet the requirements of the customers' existing facilities, while advancing the State's energy efficiency, conservation, and greenhouse gas reduction goals.

By this Order, the Board considers the application of Mack-Cali Realty, LP, in Parsippany, New Jersey, submitted on June 30, 2016 under the Fiscal Year 2016 ("FY16") LEUP pursuant to the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program Plan Filing for FY16, dated April 27, 2016. The project is located at the existing central plant at Plaza II-III Harborside, Jersey City, New

Jersey. The applicant requests a total financial incentive of \$979,909.25 for a project that will cost \$1,697,111.00.

The measures proposed for this project are designed to improve the efficiency of the building's central plant. Specifically, this project proposes replacing the pressure bypass system with a variable speed condenser water pumping system, upgrading the cooling tower to include a system with variable frequency drives ("VFDs"), retrofitting VFDs to condenser water pumps, and overhauling the Building Automation System ("BAS") to produce condenser water as efficiently as possible. These central plant upgrades will result in a much more efficient heating and cooling system that provides only what the building needs based on demand.

Annually, this project is anticipated to save 3,365,304 kWh of electricity and reduce peak demand by 162.13 kW. The proposed project will have an estimated annual energy cost savings of \$192,158.00. The payback period without incentives is 8.83 years; when factoring in the incentives, the payback period is reduced to 3.72 years. Implementation of these measures will also assist in compliance with P.L. 2018, c. 17, § C.48:3-87.10, which requires the owner or operator of commercial buildings over 25,000 square feet to benchmark the building's energy and water use. The required inspection of sites that receive funding through the LEUP following the installation of energy efficient measures will not only help to ensure adherence to agreed-upon performance and energy savings baselines, but will also allow for a more defined pathway for commercial building owners to report their energy usage.

TRC Environmental Corporation, the Program Manager engaged by the Board to manage the NJCEP LEUP program, attested to the accuracy of certain information regarding the project and that the project application adheres to the current terms and conditions of the program. Further, TRC, in its role as the NJCEP Program Administrator, submitted its certification that the incentives were calculated in accordance with the program's policies and procedures, the listed amounts are the true and accurate estimated incentives for which the applicant is eligible, and the documentation supporting estimated energy savings inputs was located, reviewed, and made available to calculate the rebate amounts as required by the program's policies and procedures. Based on these certifications and the information provided by the Program Manager and Program Administrator, Board Staff recommends approval of the above-referenced application.

The Board <u>HEREBY ORDERS</u> the approval of the aforementioned application for the total estimated incentive amount of \$979,909.25 for Mack-Cali Realty, LP, and <u>AUTHORIZES</u> issuance of a standard commitment letter to the applicant identified above, setting forth the terms and conditions of this commitment.

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The effective date of this Order is March 9, 2019.

DATED: 2/27/19

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY:

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ATTEST:

AIDA CAMACHO-WELCH

SECRETARY

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

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Peter Van Brunt, DAG peter.vanbrunt@law.njoag.gov The undersigned preparer attests that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, the above information is accurate and the subject project application adheres to the current terms and conditions of the Large Energy Users program.

Signature of Preparer

Name of Preparer

Date

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- 1. Application Number: 41874
- 2. Application Received Date and Compliance Filing: 6/30/2016, FY16 Large Energy Users Program, FY2016 Filing dated 4/27/2016

3. Customer Contact (name, company, address, phone #):

Jeffrey E. Grant Mack-Cali Realty, L.P. 7 Sylvan Way, Suite 300 Parsippany, NJ 07054 (732) 590-1527

4. Project Name and Address: Central Plant VFD Retrofit Plaza II-II Harborside Jersey City, NJ 07311

5. Rebate amount: **\$979,909.25** 

6. Brief description of measures:

Upgrades and equipment upgrades in the existing central plant at Plaza Harborside in Jersey City. Replacement of pressure bypass with variable frequency drive flow control. Replacement of cooling tower with 8 x 50 HP forced draft fans with 8 x 30 HP induced fans with variable frequency drive, and replacement of soft starts on condenser water pumps with variable frequency drives. Upgrade control system to expand input and outputs for loop pressure control, which will optimize the control scheme to minimize plant energy for all ambient conditions.

7. Annual Estimated Energy Savings: 3,365,304 kWh

162.13 kW peak demand 0 therms

8. Annual Estimated Energy Cost Savings: \$192,158.00

9. Project cost: \$1,697,111.00

- 10. Operational and Maintenance Savings: \$0
- 11. Simple Payback Period: 8.83 years without incentive; 3.72 years with incentive

# Program Administrator Certification (New Incentive Commitments > \$500,000)

I, **Maura Watkins**, TRC Solutions Quality Control, hereby certify that, I have reviewed the application referenced below and determined that, as required by the policies and procedures applicable to the program, (1) the equipment incentives for which the NJCEP Program Manager now seeks approval to commit NJCEP funds have been calculated in accordance with those policies and procedures, and (2) that the amount shown below is the true and accurate estimated incentive for which the applicant(s) is(are) eligible.

Additionally, for incentives based on estimated energy savings that are uniquely calculated, including the Pay for Performance Program, Large Energy Users Program, and the Combined Heat and Power Program, I also certify that I was able to locate and review documentation supporting the inputs used to calculate the rebate amount and evidencing the NJCEP Program Manager's evaluation of those inputs as required by the program's policies and procedures.

Maura HWatkins

By:

Date: **12-21-2018** 

**Maura Watkins** Quality Control – TRC Solutions

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Applicant:	Mack-Cali Realty, LP	 
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Committed Amount: \$979,909.25