STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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CRYSTAL GIBSON, SHERIN MAKAR, )
LORI MONTEIRO, the PRISON INITIATIVE ) No.
PROJECT of the CENTER FOR ACTION )
RESEARCH, the NEW JERSEY ADVOCATES )
FOR IMMIGRANT DETAINED, the NEW )
JERSEY INSTITUTE for SOCIAL JUSTICE, )
PAULINE NDZIE, JEAN ROSS, and )
RHONDA WILLIAMS WHETSONE, )
Petitioners )

PETITION SEEKING RULEMAKING AND ORDER REGULATING RATES CHARGED BY GLOBAL TEL*LINK AND SECURUS FOR PHONE CALLS FROM NEW JERSEY CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

AMENDMENT TO CLARIFY THE RELIEF SOUGHT
TO THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Petitioners hereby submit this amendment clarifying the relief sought in the above-captioned petition, filed on April 30, 2014. Petitioners seek for the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to adjudicate its April 30, 2014 petition as a petition for rulemaking to be processed pursuant to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 1:30-4 et seq. For the reasons described in petition, Petitioners request that the BPU exercises its rulemaking authority to limit the rates, terms, and conditions imposed by intrastate inmate calling service (ICS) providers to “just and reasonable rates”, not to exceed $0.05 per minute, for incarcerated people, detainees, and their families in both state and county prisons and jails. Petitioners request that the BPU hold regional public hearings to gather further public input on this proposed rulemaking. The BPU should take into account the existence of technology and the rates available in other states when setting just and reasonable rates that reflect the costs of providing phone services in New Jersey prisons and jails. Just and reasonable rates should not exceed the approximate rate for all calls from neighboring state prisons.

Petitioners respectfully request the Board begin the rulemaking process for considering its April 30, 2014 petition, as amended herein.

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Respectfully submitted,

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