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**RE:** In the Matter of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Response

to the COVID-19 Pandemic BPU Docket No. AO20060471

#### Dear Secretary Camacho-Welch:

This submission is respectfully made on behalf of Atlantic City Electric Company ("ACE" or the "Company") in compliance with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' ("BPU" or "Board") September 14, 2021 Order in the above captioned proceeding ("September 14 Order"), which became effective September 21, 2021. The September 14 Order authorized an extension of the established regulatory asset period from September 30, 2021 to December 31, 2022. The September 14 Order also required "utility companies regulated by the Board to file a formal plan within 10 days from the effective date of ...[the] Order¹ outlining how the additional time afforded by ...[the] Order will be used in meeting the [r]egulatory [a]sset [p]eriod deadline." Thus, enclosed herewith for filing is the Company's Compliance Plan (Attachment A) timely submitted by October 1, 2021 pursuant to the directive in the September 14 Order.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Calculating ten days from the effective date of September 21, 2021 yields October 1, 2021 as the compliance deadline

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> September 14 Order at 6.

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Consistent with the Orders issued by the Board in connection with *In the Matter of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic for a Temporary Waiver of Requirements for Certain Non-Essential Obligations*, BPU Docket No. EO20030254, Order dated March 19 and May 20, 2020, respectively, this document is being electronically filed with the Board and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel. No paper copies will follow.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please direct any further inquiries regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure

cc: Service List (electronic only)

# Attachment A

#### **Atlantic City Electric Company**

## In the Matter of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic BPU Docket No. AO20060471

#### **Compliance Plan**

By Order issued July 2, 2020 in the above captioned proceeding ("July 2 Order"), the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") permitted New Jersey utilities to record their prudently incurred incremental costs related to COVID-19, beginning on March 9, 2020 through September 30, 2021. On September 14, 2021, the Board issued an Order authorizing an extension of the established regulatory asset period from September 30, 2021 to December 31, 2022 ("September 14 Order"). The September 14 Order also required utilities to file a Compliance Plan "outlining how the additional time afforded by …[the] Order will be used in meeting the [r]egulatory [a]sset [p]eriod deadline."

Atlantic City Electric Company ("ACE" or the "Company") does not intend to use the additional time afforded by the September 14 Order. On September 30, 2021, the Company stopped deferring COVID-19 related expenditures to the established COVID-19 regulatory asset. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-60, the Company's Board-approved Tariff, and numerous associated Board Orders, the Company collects the Societal Benefits Charge ("SBC") to recover certain costs, including the costs associated with bad debt. Because of the Company's ability to continue, in normal course, to track and recover incurred customer bad debt expense through the uncollectible portion of the SBC, the Company does not intend to use the additional time afforded by the September 14 Order.

In addition, the Company acknowledges that it has reviewed the Board's requirement as detailed in the Discussion and Findings section of the September 14 Order. The Company further acknowledges that it will provide, as part of its quarterly reports starting with the period beginning October 1, 2021, data regarding the following:

- Number of Deferred Payment Arrangements created each month,
- Number of Fresh Start recipients,
- The amount funds received through existing state and federal programs (i.e., LiHEAP and USF),
- The number new hires related to addressing COVID-19 arrearages,
- The number of field collection visits, and
- The number of disconnections and reconnections by zip code or city.

This submission satisfies the Company's compliance obligations under the Board's September 14 Order.

## I/M/O the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic for a Temporary Waiver of Requirements for Certain Non-Essential Obligations BPU Docket Nos. EO20030254 and AO20060471

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