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## VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Carmen Diaz, Acting Secretary New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor P.O. Box 350 Trenton, NJ 08625-0350

Re: NJBPU's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic BPU Docket No. AO20060471

Dear Acting Secretary Diaz:

On August 2, 2022, Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G") filed a letter motion requesting that the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (the "Board") amend its July 2, 2020 Order Authorizing Establishment of a Regulatory Asset for Incremental COVID-19 Related Expenses.

By way of this letter, New Jersey Natural Gas, Inc. ("NJNG" or the "Company") informs the Board that it does not oppose PSE&G's request to extend the deferral period to the end of 2023. In addition, while an extension of the filing date for recovery of the regulatory asset to a date within 60 days of the close of the extended regulatory asset period may make sense for some utilities, it should not preclude any utility from seeking cost recovery prior to that date. NJNG respectfully submits that depending on an individual utility's circumstances, each utility should maintain its right to seek recovery of the regulatory asset prior to the end of 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

C: Service List (electronic only)