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**RE:** In the Matter of the Implementation of <u>L</u>. 2018, <u>C</u>. 17 Regarding the Establishment of Energy Efficiency and Peak Demand Reduction Programs BPU Docket No. QO1910040

In the Matter of the Petition of Atlantic City Electric Company for Approval of an Energy Efficiency Program, Cost Recovery Mechanism, and Other Related Relief for Plan Years One Through Three BPU Docket No. EO20090621

# Notice of Reallocation of Sub-Program Budgets

# Dear Secretary Golden:

The undersigned is Assistant General Counsel to Atlantic City Electric Company ("ACE" or the "Company") in connection with the above referenced matter(s).

On June 10, 2020, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (the "Board" or "BPU") issued an Order directing each electric and gas public utility in the State of New Jersey to establish energy efficiency and peak demand reduction programs pursuant to the Clean Energy Act of 2018. A portfolio of ACE Energy Efficiency programs were approved by the Board on April 27, 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Order Directing the Utilities to Establish Energy Efficiency and Peak Demand Reduction Programs, In the Matter of the Implementation of P.L. 2018, c. 17 Regarding the Establishment of Energy Efficiency and Peak Demand Reduction Programs, BPU Docket No. QO19010040 (June 10, 2020) (the "June 2020 EE Order"), at page 13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>See Decision and Order Approving Stipulation, In the Matter of the Petition of Atlantic City Electric Company for Approval of an Energy Efficiency Program, Cost Recovery Mechanism, and Other Related Relief for Plan Years One Through Three, BPU Docket No. EO20090621 (April 27, 2021) ("April 2021 ACE EE Order"), at page 7.

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The Company is providing this communication in accordance with the notification requirements for shifting sub-program budgets within sectors, as permitted by the June 2020 EE Order and the April 2021 ACE EE Order. Specifically, ACE is permitted to shift up to 25 percent of an individual sub-program's total budget within the Residential and/or the Commercial and Industrial ("C&I") sectors by providing notice to Staff of the Board.<sup>3</sup>

Resident Program Changes. Within the Residential Portfolio, ACE is notifying Staff of the movement of \$719,500 that will be transferred from the Residential Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® program to the Residential Behavior program. This shift is due to the increased cost of the home energy reports and digital tools for the customers. Additionally, \$1,527,285 will be reallocated from the Quick Home Energy Check-up (QHEC) program to the HVAC program. These reallocations of funds will ensure uninterrupted implementation through the end of the Triennium and are below the 25 percent threshold referenced above.

**C&I Sector Program Changes.** Within the C&I sector, ACE is notifying Staff of a shift of \$3,721,031 from the Small Business Direct Install program to the Prescriptive and Custom program. The Company's Prescriptive and Custom program has proven to be the most popular among customers and trade allies alike. An unforeseen consequence of this has been higher than anticipated acquisition costs of certain measures, which, if not addressed, will exhaust the approved budget early in Program Year 24. To ensure that there is no disruption, ACE will reallocate surplus funding in the amount stated from the Small Business Direct Install program to the Prescriptive and Custom program. This transfer will keep the program open through the end of the Triennium. As is the case with the above noted reallocations within the Residential sector, the movement of these funds is below the 25 percent threshold.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The June 20 EE Order and the April 2021 ACE EE Order state that notice to Staff be provided within 30 days following a change of up to 25 percent. Approval by Board Staff is required for changes between 25 to 50 percent. Board approval is required for changes over 50 percent.

The following table reflects the budget shifts and updated program budgets:

								Cumulative subprogram	
			То	tal approved	4	April 2023	Updated Total	%	Sector %
Sector	Program	Sub-program		budget	R	eallocation	budget	reallocation	variance
Residential	Behavior	Home Energy Reports	\$	503,600	\$	719,500	\$ 1,223,100	8%	
		HVAC							
		Online Marketplace							
	Efficient	Appliance Rebates							
	Products	Appliance Recycling	\$	15,469,151	\$	1,527,285	\$16,996,436	17%	
		Home Performance w/ ENERGY STAR	\$	8,685,623	\$	(719,500)	\$ 7,966,123	-8%	
	Existing	Quick Home Energy	\$	8,873,070	\$	(1,527,285)	\$ 7,345,785	-17%	
	Homes	Moderate-Income Weatherization	\$	13,471,022	\$	-	\$13,471,022	0%	5%
MF	MF	Multi-Family	\$	3,774,401	\$	-	\$ 3,774,401	0%	0%
	SBDI	Small Business	\$	28,049,428	\$	(3,721,031)	\$24,328,397	-13%	
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C&I	Energy	Prescriptive/Custom	\$	11,809,616	\$	3,721,031	\$15,530,647	13%	
		Energy Management	\$	1,942,912	\$	-	\$ 1,942,912	0%	
	Business	Engineered Solutions	\$	2,736,454	\$	-	\$ 2,736,454	0%	8%
		Portfolio Costs	\$	750,000	\$	-	\$ 750,000	0%	
		Total	\$	96,065,276	\$	-	\$96,065,276		

Pursuant to the Order 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, 2020, this document is being electronically filed with the Secretary of the Board, the Division of Law, the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel, and the Service List. No paper copies will follow.

Thank you for your cooperation and courtesies. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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