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Via Electronic Mail and US Regular Mail

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Re:

In the Matter of the New Jersey Natural Gas Company's Annual Review and Revision of its Basic Gas Supply Service (BGSS) and Conservation

Incentive Program (CIP) Factors for F/Y 2015

BPU Docket No.: GR14060537

Dear Mr. Dembia:

Enclosed please find the Division of Rate Counsel's discovery requests RCR-A-14 through RCR-A-15 in the above-referenced matter.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:1-10.4, please respond to the requests and submit copies of the documents requested herein in a timely manner, no later than within fifteen (15) days or submit a schedule of reasonable compliance within fifteen (15) days from receipt of this letter.

Please note that all discovery requests are of a continuing nature and should be updated, if necessary, over the course of the proceeding. Also, provide a designation on each response identifying the witness sponsoring the answer and finally, please provide the response on three-hole punch paper.

Your prompt handling of this request is appreciated. If you have any questions, please call me at (609) 984-1460.

Very truly yours,

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IN THE MATTER OF THE NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY'S ANNUAL REVIEW AND REVISION OF ITS BASIC GAS SUPPLY SERVICE (BGSS) AND CONSERVATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM (CIP) FACTORS FOR F/Y 2015

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- RCR-A-14. (a) Exhibit C to the Petition, page 10 shows a current Pre-tax CIP recovery rate of 0.0543 for Group III General Service Small. Please provide a worksheet showing the derivation of this rate based on the after-tax rate of 0.0581 and a tax gross-up factor of 1.072845 (SUT and PUA taxes).
 - (b) Exhibit C, to the Petition, page 13 shows a current Pre-tax recovery rate of 0.0531 for Group IV General Service Large. Please provide a worksheet showing the derivation of this rate based on the algorithm rate of 0.0568 and a tax gross-up factor of 1.072845 (SUT and PEA taxes).
- RCR-A-15. With regard to the Company's August 28, 2014 notification to implement a decrease in its BGSS factor from the current rate of \$0.5356 per therm to \$0.4804 per therm inclusive of sales tax, please provide the following information:
 - a. All relevant exhibits and schedules in support of the derivation of the newly proposed factor of \$0.4804. These exhibits and schedules should clearly indicate the extent of actual and the extent of projected data used in the calculations.
 - b. A worksheet showing support for the claim that the reduction from \$0.5356 to \$0.4804 results in a 5 percent decrease for a residential heating sales customer using 100 therms/month.
 - c. A worksheet showing support for the claim that the reduction from \$0.5356 to \$0.4804 combined with the proposed CIP decrease results in an overall decrease in a residential heating customer's annual bill of \$102.40, or 9.2 percent.