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**Re: In The Matter Of The Petition Of Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a
Elizabethtown Gas To Revise The Remediation Adjustment Clause
Component Of Its Societal Benefits Charge Rate
BPU Docket No. GR14101135**

Dear Secretary Asbury:

Enclosed for filing in the above proceeding are an original and ten copies of a Stipulation executed by representatives of Pivotal Utility Holdings Inc. d/b/a Elizabethtown Gas ("Elizabethtown"), the Staff of the Board of Public Utilities and the Department of the Public Advocate, Division of Rate Counsel. Elizabethtown requests that the Board consider at its next agenda meeting on June 17, 2015 and adopt the Stipulation as expeditiously as possible.

Please contact the undersigned if you have questions or require further information.
Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Deborah M. Franco
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Of Counsel to
Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc.
d/b/a Elizabethtown Gas

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Component of its Societal Benefits Charge Rate : STIPULATION
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BACKGROUND

1. On October 6, 2014, Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Elizabethtown Gas ("Elizabethtown" or "Company") filed a petition ("2014 Petition") with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("BPU" or "Board") in BPU Docket No. GR14101135 to revise the Remediation Adjustment Clause ("RAC") component of its Societal Benefits Charge ("SBC") rate.

2. The 2014 Petition proposed an increase to the Company's then current SBC-RAC rate of \$0.0229 per therm to \$0.0246 per therm, inclusive of current sales taxes. The proposed SBC-RAC rate of \$0.0246 per therm was designed to recover

approximately \$11 million in RAC-related costs during the period ending September 30, 2015.

In the interim by Order dated February 11, 2015, issued in BPU Docket No. GR13090839 ("February 11 Order") the Board approved a Stipulation among Board Staff, the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel") and the Company resolving all issues concerning the petition to reconcile Elizabethtown's SBC-RAC, for the July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 period and approving the Company's currently effective SBC-RAC rate of \$0.0317 per therm inclusive of all applicable taxes.

3. The RAC-related costs for which recovery was sought in the 2014 Petition were the costs to test, contain and remediate the Company's former manufactured gas plant sites (described below) incurred during the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2014, based on a seven year cost amortization, plus certain adjustments and prior period true-up amounts. The 2014 costs totaled \$3,984,044 from which third party recoveries of \$4,500 and a net of \$158,281 for the deferral of 50% of litigation costs were deducted, resulting in proposed recoverable net remediation costs of \$3,821,263 that are subject to recovery over the seven-year period.

4. In August 2014, the Company received a third party recovery of \$42.75 million. This third party recovery relates to an insurance recovery obtained for the RAC period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 which the Company has indicated it intends to apply in Elizabethtown's 2015 annual RAC filing.

5. In accordance with the Company's tariff, the Company's original proposed SBC-RAC rider rate was determined by calculating the sum of (a) one seventh of its net deferred remediation costs incurred during the twelve months ended June 30th for the

periods ending 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009 and 2008 totaling \$4,963,998, less the deferred tax benefit of (\$247,884), the net of each year is shown in the table set out in the footnote below,¹ which equals \$4,716,114 (b) the prior year's RAC underrecovery balance of \$5,418,219 and (c) \$820,349 of interest accrued on RAC-related costs calculated in the manner approved by the Board in its order in BPU Docket No. GX99030121 and GO99030122 dated March 30, 2001. The sum of these amounts total \$10,954,682 which was divided by the projected sales and service volumes to the service classifications subject to the RAC in order to yield the original proposed SBC-RAC rider rate of \$0.0246 per therm inclusive of all applicable taxes.

6. The Company has six former manufactured gas plant sites in New Jersey: two that are located in Elizabeth, one on South Street, and one on Erie Street including the Renora Landfill, and one each in Rahway, Perth Amboy, Flemington and Newton. The Erie Street, South Street, Rahway and Perth Amboy sites were owned and/or operated exclusively by Elizabethtown and/or its predecessor companies. Flemington and Newton were also owned by a predecessor of Jersey Central Power & Light, which is

¹ The Company's 2014 Petition set forth the net deferred remediation costs for the twelve months ended June 30th for the period ending 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009 and 2008 less the deferred tax benefit as follows:

YEAR	RECOVERABLE AMOUNT
2014	\$501,563
2013	\$597,213
2012	\$1,014,228
2011	\$1,347,376
2010	\$436,664
2009	\$456,694
2008	\$362,376
Total	<u>\$4,716,114</u>

now owned by First Energy. The 2014 Petition sought recovery of costs for the Flemington and Newton sites attributable to Elizabethtown².

7. The 2014 Petition did not propose to adjust the New Jersey Clean Energy Program (“CEP”), Universal Service Fund (“USF”) and Lifeline rate components of the SBC.

8. The 2014 Petition was not transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law by the Board and duly noticed public hearings were held in Rahway, New Jersey on February 18, 2015 and in Flemington, New Jersey on February 26, 2015. No members of the public attended the public hearings. Elizabethtown, Board Staff and Rate Counsel conducted discovery and discussed discovery-related issues and settlement of this proceeding.

9. Board Staff, Rate Counsel and Elizabethtown (the “Stipulating Parties”) have reached this Stipulation which is intended to resolve all issues associated with the 2014 Petition in the manner set forth below.

STIPULATED MATTERS

The Stipulating Parties hereby **STIPULATE AND AGREE** as follows:

Effective Date

A. The Parties acknowledge that the RAC rate change will become effective ten days after the issuance of a Board Order approving this Stipulation or upon such date thereafter as the Board may specify.

² Recovery costs for the Flemington and Newton sites are shared between Jersey Central Power & Light (“JCP&L”) and Elizabethtown Gas on a 60% / 40% basis, respectively, in accordance with Memorandum of Understanding between Elizabethtown and JCP&L dated February 23, 1993.

Effective Rates

B. In an effort to align the RAC rate in this proceeding with the RAC rate anticipated in the next (2015) RAC filing, expected to reflect a one-seventh (\$6.1 million) of a \$42.75 million third-party insurance recovery received August 2014³, Elizabethtown will implement an SBC-RAC rate of \$0.0000 per therm, instead of the filed-for rate of \$0.0246 per therm. The calculation of the filed rate and the costs it was designed to collect are set forth in Appendices A and B, respectively, which are attached to this Stipulation.

C. The Company represents that the labor allocation reflected in the SBC-RAC rate proposed in the 2014 Petition did not include recovery of incentive compensation costs and the rates agreed to in this Stipulation do not reflect recovery of such costs.

D. The Company represents that the SBC-RAC filing does not include the recovery of any Natural Resource Damage (“NRD”)-related costs. NRD-related costs are defined as compensation to the State of New Jersey for injury to its natural resources, above and beyond costs incurred to investigate, contain or remediate former manufactured gas plant sites. “NRD-related costs” also include any administrative, legal or consulting costs incurred by the Company associated with NRD claims being investigated by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, as well as any amounts paid by the Company to resolve such claims. The parties accordingly stipulate and agree that the Board should make no determination in this proceeding as to the reasonableness, or the recoverability under the RAC component of the Company’s SBC, of NRD-related costs, if any. The Parties expressly reserve their rights to argue their

³ Pertaining to all of the Company’s remediation sites.

respective position on these and related issues in future proceedings, as appropriate and in a manner consistent with the Board's September 22, 2011 Order issued in BPU Docket Nos. GR07080645, GR08090836 and GR09080651 resolving Elizabethtown's 2007, 2008 and 2009 RAC proceedings.

E. The Company agrees that it will include with its RAC filings responses to the minimum filing requirements ("MFR") as set forth in Appendix C to this Stipulation and that in future RAC filings it shall not request any late fees or late charges that are associated with legal costs recovered through the RAC.

F. The Company agrees that as part of its response to MFR-11 in future RAC filings, the Company will provide affirmative support that unit prices were maintained from the original master agreement for change orders or supplemental contracts that were not subject to competitive bidding or otherwise explain any unit price variances.

G. The Company agrees that as part of its response to MFR-17 in future RAC filings, the Company will provide a detailed explanation of the causes of variances between budgeted and actual expenditures in the RAC period at issue in the filing.

H. In the Affiliated Transactions and Management Audit of Elizabethtown Gas ("the Audit") BPU Docket No. GA07100795 filed November 24, 2009, the Board's auditor made several findings and recommendations relating to the Company's Manufactured Gas Plant remediation program. That proceeding awaits final closure by the Board. The Company agrees to provide a further update on the status of the Audit in its next RAC filing and provide a description of all RAC-related practices and procedures, if any, required by the Board or agreed upon by Board Staff and the Company in connection with the Audit.

I. Upon approval by the Board of the SBC-RAC rate reflected in this Stipulation, the Company will propose and file with the Board a revised tariff sheet to reflect the SBC-RAC rate agreed to in this Stipulation. A draft tariff sheet is attached hereto as Appendix D.

J. The current SBC rate components, inclusive of all applicable taxes, not affected by this Stipulation includes the CEP rate of \$0.0244 approved by the Board in BPU Docket No. GR14070755, the USF rate of \$0.0110 per therm and the Lifeline rate of \$0.0059 approved by the Board in BPU Docket No. ER14060613. Approval of the RAC rate in this Stipulation will result in a total SBC rate of \$0.0413 per therm, inclusive of all applicable taxes.

Rate Impact

K. The annual bill impact of the stipulated SBC-RAC rate of \$0.0000 per therm on a typical residential heating customer using 1,000 therms is a decrease of \$31.70 from \$990.00 to \$958.30 or 3.2% as compared to the Company's currently effective rates. The proposed rates will decrease Elizabethtown's annual revenues by approximately \$14.1 million based on the Company's most recent therm forecast.

All Issues Resolved

L. Upon the Board's approval of this Stipulation, all issues concerning the SBC-RAC and the costs recovered through this rate are deemed resolved for purposes of this proceeding, but remain subject to audit by the Board.

Further Provisions

M. This Stipulation is intended to be accepted and approved in its entirety. In the event any particular aspect of this Stipulation is not accepted and approved in its

entirety by the Board, then any Stipulating Party aggrieved thereby shall not be bound to proceed with this Stipulation and shall have the right to litigate all issues addressed herein to a conclusion. In the event this Stipulation is not adopted in its entirety by the Board in its Order in this matter, then any Stipulating Party hereto is free to pursue its then available legal remedies with respect to all issues addressed in this Stipulation, as though this Stipulation had not been signed.

N. It is the intent of the Stipulating Parties that the provisions hereof be approved by the Board, as appropriate, as being in the public interest. The Stipulating Parties further agree that they consider this Stipulation to be binding on them for all purposes herein.

O. It is specifically understood and agreed that this Stipulation represents a negotiated agreement and, except as otherwise expressly provided for herein, is intended to be binding only in this proceeding and only as to the matters specifically addressed herein.

WHEREFORE, the Stipulating Parties hereto do respectfully submit this Stipulation to the Board and request the Board to issue a Decision and Order approving this Stipulation in its entirety in accordance with the terms hereof.

**PIVOTAL UTILITY HOLDINGS, INC.
D/B/A/ ELIZABETHTOWN GAS**

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Dated: May 29, 2015

Appendix A

RAC Schedule
TK-1

PIVOTAL UTILITY HOLDINGS, INC. d/b/a ELIZABETHTOWN GAS
SOCIETAL BENEFITS CHARGE (SBC)
REMEDIAATION ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE (RAC)

CALCULATION OF THE RAC COMPONENT OF THE SBC
October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015
RECOVERY YEAR - 2015

1.a Recovery Year Amortization Costs (Sch. TK-2, L5, pgs 1+2+3+4+5+6+7)	\$4,963,998
1.b Recovery Year Deferred Tax benefits (Sch. TK-2, L16, pgs 1+2+3+4+5+6+7)	<u>(\$247,884)</u>
1 Recovery Year Recoverable Costs (1.a +1.b)	\$4,716,114
2 Accrued Carrying Costs (Sch. TK-3)	\$820,349
3 Prior Year RAC Underrecovery (Sch. TK-4)	<u>\$5,418,219</u>
4 Total Recovery Year Recoverable / (Refund) Costs (L1+L2+L3)	\$10,954,682
5 Projected Normalized Sales and Services (Forecast Sch. TK-1)	478,869,661 therms
6 RAC COMPONENT, before taxes and assessment (L4/L5)	\$0.0229 /therm
7 BPU & RC Assessment Factors	<u>1.0028</u>
8 RAC COMPONENT, before taxes (L6*L7)	\$0.0230
9 Sales & Use Tax @ 7.00%	<u>\$0.0016</u>
10 RAC COMPONENT (L8+L9)	<u>\$0.0246 /therm</u>
11 RAC COMPONENT PROPOSED	<u>\$0.0000 /therm</u>

Appendix B

Schedule SLC-1

**Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Elizabethtown Gas
Manufactured Gas Plant Remediation Program**

**Summary Statement of Site Expenses
Annual Report
July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014**

Line No.	Description	Consulting/ Remediation	Legal	NJDEP Oversight	Natural Resource Damages (NRD)	Other	(1) Total Remediation Expenses	(2) NRD Deferral 100%	(3) Ins. Lit/ Third Party Deferral 50%	(4) Recovery of Deferred Expenses	(5) Third Party Recoveries	Net Remediation Cost This Period
1	Elizabeth (Erie Street)	\$1,986,896	\$105,023				\$2,091,920					\$2,091,920
2	Elizabeth (South Street)	\$184,359	\$105,408	\$2,300			\$292,067					\$292,067
3	Rahway	\$509,958		\$4,650			\$514,608					\$514,608
4	Perth Amboy	\$43,443		\$2,300			\$45,743					\$45,743
5	Flemington	\$267,151					\$267,151					\$267,151
6	Newton	\$112,698		\$1,480			\$114,178					\$114,178
7	Renora (Erie Street)						\$0					\$0
8	Internal					\$61,253	\$61,253					\$61,253
9	Misc.	\$258,879				\$12,683	\$271,562					\$271,562
10	Insurance Litigation/ Third Party Claims	\$463	\$325,099				\$325,562		(\$162,781)	\$4,500	(\$4,500)	\$162,781
11		\$3,363,847	\$535,531	\$10,730	\$0	\$73,936	\$3,984,044	\$0	(\$162,781)	\$4,500	(\$4,500)	\$3,821,263

Notes:

- 1 Line 10 - Pursuit of Third Party Claims at 100% of expenses incurred, 50% of which is deferred pending a Third Party recovery.
- 2 100% of Natural Resource Damages deferred pending BPU resolution.
- 3 50% of the expenses incurred in the pursuit of Insurance and/or Third Party Claims.
- 4 Allowable recovery of the deferred expenses incurred in pursuit of Insurance and/or Third Party recoveries.
- 5 Credit of 100% of amounts received from Third Parties.

**PIVOTAL UTILITY HOLDINGS, INC. d/b/a ELIZABETHTOWN GAS
REMEDATION ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE ("RAC") FILING
MINIMUM FILING REQUIREMENTS (MFR) INDEX**

Minimum Filing Requirements	Schedule
1. Please provide a vendor listing for the prior RAC period that contains information concerning vendor expenditures by MGP site, also showing a description of the services provided and the amount of each vendor invoice. The vendor list should include the monthly actual expenditures for the twelve month RAC period.	SLC-2
2. Identify the three MGP sites with the highest level of expenditures during the prior RAC period. For each identified site, provide a copy of the latest work plan, remediation report, or major work product submitted to the NJDEP. The copies should include the narrative portion of the report or work plan but need not include the technical supporting workpapers, charts and tables.	SLC-2
3. For each of the same three MGP sites, provide all correspondence between the Company and the NJDEP concerning submissions for the site, reply comments, and other major items which have a material impact on remediation activities and associated costs incurred by the Company. The correspondence should span the twelve months of the most recent RAC period.	SLC-2
4. For each of the same three MGP sites, provide expense documentation for any contractor or supplier whose invoices for the RAC period exceed \$250,000 in aggregate. The expense documentation should include descriptions of services rendered, applicable invoices, and any tracking of invoiced charges vs. budgets. The expense detail need not include expense reports or time sheets, but it should include supporting documentation for any subcontractor and third party expenses totaling \$100,000 or more for the period.	SLC-2 Confidential
5. For each of the same three MGP sites, provide a narrative description and organization chart for that site, showing the vendors and project control structure for the remediation effort. The response should show what entities supervise all significant contractors and subcontractors and which Company personnel are involved in site and remediation supervision and control.	SLC-2
6. Provide a detailed narrative describing Company activities and any reimbursements related to insurance claims or potentially responsible parties' liabilities for all of the Company's MGP sites. The narrative, with supporting documentation, should cover the prior RAC period. In addition, the Company should provide a listing of all insurance reimbursements received from each insurance company through the end of the year covered by the filing, but need not disclose any insurance company's identity.	SLC-2
7. Provide copies of any RAC audit reports or related materials prepared by the Board's Audit Staff, FERC, or the Company's internal or external auditors during the previous twelve months. To the degree applicable, please also provide any materials prepared in response to the audits or in compliance with any audit findings.	SLC-2 Confidential
8. Provide a narrative concerning all material events, whether related to NJDEP mandates or not, which could have an impact on the Company's ultimate MGP remediation liability, with claimed confidential information	SLC-2

**PIVOTAL UTILITY HOLDINGS, INC. d/b/a ELIZABETHTOWN GAS
REMEDATION ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE ("RAC") FILING
MINIMUM FILING REQUIREMENTS (MFR) INDEX**

Minimum Filing Requirements	Schedule
provided pursuant to a confidentiality agreement. The narrative should encompass all sites, whether or not active remediation efforts on the site are under way.	
9. Provide schedules and supporting workpapers and documents, which show the reconciliation of the prior period RAC expenditures and recoveries as well as the derivation of the deferred tax credit and the interest accrual on any unamortized balances.	TK-2
10. Provide the Company's bid evaluation studies, reports, workpapers or other material related to the two largest MGP remediation contracts awarded during the previous RAC period. The response should include the criteria utilized for bid evaluation and the comparisons between the terms and conditions offered by the competitive bidders.	SLC-2 Confidential
11. Provide documentation relating to the two largest supplemental contract amendments authorized by the Company during their previous RAC period. The response should provide the contractor's request for supplemental funding, the reasons cited for the request, and the Company's evaluation and action taken concerning the request.	SLC-2 Confidential
12. Provide documentation relating to any instances during the previous RAC period where the Company sought to modify, change, or eliminate the NJDEP site remediation requirements for any of its MGP sites. The response should provide copies of any such Company requests, the NJDEP responses, and the ultimate outcome concerning the requests.	SLC-2
13. Provide a calculation of the carrying costs that the Company seeks to recover in its filing, including workpapers and supporting documentation.	TK-3
14. The Company currently provides a schedule that summarizes the expenditures incurred by major cost category by site on a quarterly basis. These data will be reported with its annual filing.	SLC-2
15. For each of the Company's MGP sites, provide a schedule showing the status of the remediation effort and estimated dates for the completion of remaining milestones, along with a discussion of major remediation problems. The parties understand that the timeframes to complete the remediation efforts are subject to a great deal of uncertainty due to factors beyond the Company's control.	SLC-2
16. Provide an update concerning the status of discussions with the NJDEP concerning its NRD initiative as well as any other NRD-related activities, with claimed confidential information provided pursuant to a confidentiality agreement. Such update will include information about NRD-related expenditures during the prior RAC period and related documentation, as well as total NRD-related expenses deferred to date.	SLC-2
17. Provide information about unreasonable delays in remediation efforts caused by the inability to obtain requisite approvals, clearances or other rights from the NJDEP, local authorities or property owners, or other circumstances that are unduly impeding remediation efforts. The Company will address issues that are outside of the ordinary experience for these matters.	SLC-2

**PIVOTAL UTILITY HOLDINGS, INC. d/b/a ELIZABETHTOWN GAS
REMEDATION ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE ("RAC") FILING
MINIMUM FILING REQUIREMENTS (MFR) INDEX**

Minimum Filing Requirements

Schedule

18. Provide details concerning all remediation related charges to the Company from or through AGLR and its affiliates for the past RAC period. The response should show amounts by month, by entity, and should describe the nature of services provided.	SLC-2
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ELIZABETHTOWN GAS
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B. P. U. NO. 13 – GAS

FOURTEENTH REVISED SHEET NO. 109

RIDER "D"

SOCIETAL BENEFITS CHARGE ("SBC")

Applicable to all tariff Service Classifications except those Customers under special contracts that explicitly do not permit the Company to apply increased charges or assessments as filed and approved by the NJBPU and those customers exempted pursuant to the Long-Term Capacity Agreement Pilot Program ("LCAPP"), P.L. 2011, c.9, codified as N.J.S.A. 48:3-60.1. See the LCAPP Exemption Procedures at the end of this Rider.

The SBC is designed to recover the (1) cost of Comprehensive Resource Analysis Programs that were approved by the Board pursuant to its Comprehensive Resource Analysis regulations prior to April 30, 1997, (2) cost of Manufactured Gas Plant Remediation, and (3) cost of Consumer Education and any other new programs which the Board determines should be recovered through the Societal Benefits Charge.

<u>SBC Rate Components:</u>	<u>February 23, 2015</u>	<u>March 1, 2015</u>
	<u>Per Therm</u>	<u>Per Therm</u>
I. New Jersey Clean Energy Program ("CEP")	<u>\$0.0244</u>	\$0.0244
II. Remediation Adjustment Charge ("RAC")	<u>\$0.0229</u>	<u>\$0.0000</u> \$0.0317
III. <u>Universal Service Fund and Lifeline:</u>		
1. Universal Service Fund ("USF")	<u>\$0.0110</u>	\$0.0110
2. Lifeline	<u>\$0.0059</u>	<u>\$0.0059</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$0.0642</u>	<u>\$0.0413</u> \$0.0730

In accordance with P.L. 1997, c. 162, the charges applicable under this Rider include provision for the New Jersey Sales and Use Tax, and when billed to customers exempt from this tax shall be reduced by the amount of such tax included therein.

I. New Jersey Clean Energy Program Component ("CEP")

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8 SOCIETAL BENEFITS CHARGE ("SBC")

Applicable to all tariff Service Classifications except those Customers under special contracts that explicitly do not permit the Company to apply increased charges or assessments as filed and approved by the NJBPU and those customers exempted pursuant to the Long-Term Capacity Agreement Pilot Program ("LCAPP"), P.L. 2011, c.9, codified as N.J.S.A. 48:3-60.1. See the LCAPP Exemption Procedures at the end of this Rider.

The SBC is designed to recover the (1) cost of Comprehensive Resource Analysis Programs that were approved by the Board pursuant to its Comprehensive Resource Analysis regulations prior to April 30, 1997, (2) cost of Manufactured Gas Plant Remediation, and (3) cost of Consumer Education and any other new programs which the Board determines should be recovered through the Societal Benefits Charge.

<u>SBC Rate Components:</u>		<u>Per Therm</u>
I.	New Jersey Clean Energy Program ("CEP")	\$0.0244
II.	Remediation Adjustment Charge ("RAC")	\$0.0000
III.	<u>Universal Service Fund and Lifeline:</u>	
	1. Universal Service Fund ("USF")	\$0.0110
	2. Lifeline	\$0.0059
	TOTAL	\$0.0413

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