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Stacey M. Barnes, Esq. Director, Legal Compliance Office of General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

October 23, 2015

Kenneth J. Sheehan, Esquire Secretary Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor PO Box 350 Trenton, NJ 08625

GE 15101212

Re:

In the Matter of the Petition of South Jersey Gas Company for Approval of a

Municipal Consent in the City of Vineland, Cumberland County

BPU Docket No.

Dear Secretary Sheehan:

Enclosed for filing please find an original and ten (10) copies of the Petition of South Jersey Gas Company ("South Jersey") for approval of the municipal consent granted by the City of Vineland, Cumberland County. Also included is the Ordinance, South Jersey's correspondence accepting the terms and conditions of the Ordinance, and a proposed notice of public hearing.

Copies of this filing are being served upon the Division of Law and Rate Counsel.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this filing by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter, providing the assigned docket number, and returning same in the self-addressed stamped envelope.

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Very truly yours.

Stacey M. Barnes, Esq.

sbarnes@sjindustries.com

Enclosure

cc:

Division of Law

Division of Rate Counsel

(both with 2 copies of enclosure)



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STATE OF NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A MUNICIPAL CONSENT IN THE CITY OF VINELAND BPU DOCKET NO MAIL RECIEVED

PETITION GE15101212

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TO THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

By this Petition, South Jersey Gas Company ("South Jersey" or the "Company"), hereby requests that the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("BPU" or the "Board") pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 48:2-14 and *N.J.A.C.* 14:1-5.5 approve the municipal consent granted by the City of Vineland, Cumberland County, New Jersey (the "City"). In support of its Petition, South Jersey states the following:

BACKGROUND

- 1. South Jersey is a regulated public utility engaged in the transmission, distribution, transportation and sale of natural gas in its defined service territory within the State of New Jersey. As such, South Jersey is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board. Within its service territory, the Company services approximately 360,000 customers.
- 2. South Jersey currently provides natural gas service within the City and serves approximately 16,087 residential, 1,594 commercial and 74 industrial customers. South Jersey anticipates customer growth within its defined service territory to be approximately 1% annually and for the next 3-5 years.
- 3. South Jersey has the capacity necessary to ensure a continuation of its natural gas service and does not foresee any concerns regarding its ability to meet the existing and future demands of the City.

4. Moreover, the City is serviced by South Jersey's Cumberland Division customer service center located at 1211 North Second Street, Millville, New Jersey 08332. The Cumberland Division will continue to serve South Jersey's customers within the City for the foreseeable future. No modifications to the location or hours of operation of the center are proposed by virtue of this Petition.

MUNICIPAL CONSENT

- 5. On or about September, 16, 1947, pursuant to ordinance, the City consented to: (1) the Company furnishing natural gas service in the City; and (2) the Company's use of the streets (the "Original Consent"). See September, 16, 1947 Ordinance attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
- 6. Pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 48:3-15, the portion of the Original Consent applicable to the Company's use of the streets expired on September 16, 1997. Specifically, *N.J.S.A.* 48:3-15 provides, in relevant part, that "the board or body of such municipality authorized to grant consent may, by ordinance and not otherwise, grant for a period not exceeding fifty years, the right to use the streets petitioned for."
- 7. By virtue of this fifty (50) year statutory limitation, South Jersey obtained the renewed consent of the City applicable to its use of the streets. Pursuant to Ordinance No. 2015-33, the City acknowledged the Original Consent and granted exclusive consent and permission to South Jersey to lay and construct its pipes and mains and related appurtenances and facilities within the streets, alleys, squares and public places within the City for a period of Fifty (50) years. *See* Ordinance No. 2015-33 attached hereto as Exhibit "B".
- 8. By letter to the City dated October 19, 2015, South Jersey accepted and agreed to the terms and conditions of such municipal consent pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 48:3-16. A true and

correct copy of the Company's October 19, 2015 correspondence is attached hereto as Exhibit "C".

MISCELLANEOUS

- 9. A proposed public notice is attached to this Petition as Exhibit "D". A copy of this Petition will be served on the Clerk of the City and the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.
 - 10. N.J.S.A. 48:2-14 requires Board approval of a municipal consent granted by a

Communications addressed to the Petitioner in this case are to be sent to:

South Jersey Industries Stacey M. Barnes, Esq. 1 South Jersey Plaza Folsom, NJ 08037 (609) 561-9000, ext 6964

VERIFICATION

- I, Robert Fatzinger, of full age, being duly sworn to law upon my oath, depose and say:
- I am Senior Vice President, Engineering Services and System Integrity of South 1. Jersey Gas Company and am authorized to make this Verification on behalf of the Company.
- I have reviewed the foregoing Petition and the information contained therein is 2. true according to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Robert Fatzinger

Sworn to and subscribed Before me this ______ day of

KELLY L HALL Notary Public State of New Jersey My Commission Expires Jul 25, 2018

EXHIBIT A

ORDINANCE NO. 388

AN ORDINANCE GIVING AND GRANTING CONSENT AND PER-MISSION TO SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY TO FURNISH GAS FOR LIGHT, HEAT AND POWER IN THE BOROUGH OF

VINESAND IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERIAND

Board of Commissioners BE IT ORDAINED by the Berough Council of the Borough

of Vineland

in the County of Camberland

1. That consent and permission to furnish gas for light, heat and power in the Borough of Vineland is hereby given and granted to South Jersey Camberland Gas Company, subject to approval of such consent and permission by the Board of Public Utility Commissioners of the State of New Jersey.

- 2. The said South Jersey Gas Company shall lay and construct its pipes and mains within the Borough in the manner required by R.S. 48:9-21 and subject to reasonable regulations with respect to the opening of streets and public places imposed by the Borough Council Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Vinsland.
- 3. South Jersey Gas Company shall within thirty (30) days after the passage of this ordinance file with the Borough Clerk a bond in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) conditioned for the restoration of any street or public place which may be opened by it in a manner satisfactory to the Borough Council Board of Counters of the Borough of Vineland.

4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication as required by law.

Board of Commission of the Borough of

(BOROUGH SEAL)

I, LEON R. HARKIN

, Clerk of the

Borough of Vineland

, in the County of

Cumberland

, do hereby certify that the foregoing

ordinance granting consent and permission to the South Jersey Gas Company to furnish gas for light, heat and power in the Borough of Vineland

, in the County of Cumberland

is a true copy of said ordinance as introduced at a meeting of the Borough Commissioners

Gouncil of said Borough held on the 19th day of August , 1947, Board.

and finally passed at a meeting of said Souncil held on the 16th day of

September

, 1947.

Leon R. Harkin Borough Clerk

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY, a corporation of the State of New Jersey, here-inafter called "Obligor," is held and firmly bound unto

BORGECH OF VINELAND, in the County of Cumberland,

hereinafter called "Obligee," in the sum of One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

lawful money of the United States of America, for the payment whereof said

Obligor binds itself and its successors firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH that if the Obligor shall properly and in a good workmanlike manner restore any street or public place which may be opened by it in a manner satisfactory to Obligee, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise to be and remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said Obligor has caused its corporate seal to be hereto affixed and this bond to be signed by its Vice-President

and attested by its Secretary, this let day of October , 1947.

"One thousand deliars" changed to \$5,000.00 before secontion.

SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY.

(Begged)

By.... E. J. Manaray Vice-President

ATTEST:

Perm and execution approved

(Signed) W. H. Feller (Signed) Philip I. Lines

SEAL

I, clerk of said Obligee, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the bond filed on the 14th day of Gataber , 1947, by said Obligor with said Obligee in compliance with Section 4 of the ordinance granting consent and permission to Obligor to furnish gas for light, heat and power in the municipality of Obligee.

Leon R. Haririn, Clerk of Obligee

EXHIBIT B



Keith Petrosky, RMC Municipal Clerk

Christine A. Scarpa Deputy Municipal Clerk

640 E. Wood Street • P.O. Box 1508 • Vineland, NJ 08362-1508

Telephone: (856) 794-4060

Fax: (856) 405-4611

October 9, 2015

Abigail Greenberg South Jersey Gas 1 South Jersey Plaza Folsom, New Jersey 08037

Dear Ms. Greenberg:

Please find attached a certified copy of ORDINANCE NO. 2015-33, AN ORDINANCE GRANTING RENEWED CONSENT AND PERMISSION TO SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY TO USE THE PUBLIC STREETS TO FURNISH GAS FOR LIGHT, HEAT AND POWER IN THE CITY OF VINELAND.

The governing body adopted this Ordinance on September 15, 2015.

Sincerely.

Anna Marie Barsotti, RMC

Chief Clerk

AMB/ Enclosure 16, 1947 in the Borough of Vineland, now City of Vineland; and

WHEREAS, South Jersey Gas Company now seeks, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-15, the consent of the City of Vineland to renew Paragraph 2 of Ordinance No. 388 applicable to the use of the streets in the Borough of Vineland, now the City of Vineland, by adopting this Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VINELAND, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. That exclusive consent and permission is hereby renewed and granted to South Jersey Gas Company to lay and construct its pipes and mains and related appurtenances and facilities within the streets, alleys, squares and public places within the City of Vineland in the manner prescribed by N.J.S.A. 48:9-21, and subject to reasonable regulations imposed by ordinance or resolution with respect to the opening of streets and public places, subject to approval of such consent and permission by the Board of Public Utilities.

Section 2. This consent is granted for the entire geographical area of the City of Vineland and extend to the boundaries of the City of Vineland and shall remain in effect for a period of fifty (50) years from the date of final adoption of this Ordinance.

Section 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon posting, publication, final passage in the manner prescribed by law, and acceptance by South Jersey Gas Company.

Passed first reading: August 25, 2015

Passed final reading: September 8, 2015

President of Council

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Approved by the Mayor: September 15, 2015

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ATTEST:

Christine a Scarpe

I, Christine Scarpa, Deputy Municipal Clerk of the City of Vineland, Cumberland County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Council of the City of Vineland at a meeting held on September 8, 2015, at City Hall, Vineland, New Jersey, and approved by the Mayor of the City of Vineland, New Jersey, on September 15, 2015.

(SEAL)

Christine A. Scarpa,
Deputy Municipal Clerk

EXHIBIT C



Where we put all of our energy *

Stacey M. Barnes, Esq. Director, Legal Compliance

Office of General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

October 19, 2015

(Via Certified Mail & E-mail: cscarpa@vinelandcity.org)

Christine A. Scarpa Deputy Municipal Clerk 640 E. Wood Street Vineland, NJ 08362

Re: Acceptance of Ordinance No. 2015-33 Granting Municipal Consent to South Jersey Gas Company to Use the Streets for the Provision of Natural Gas Service

Dear Ms. Scarpa:

I am writing on behalf of South Jersey Gas Company ("SJG") to advise that we received a fully executed copy of Ordinance No. 2015-33 (copy attached) granting municipal consent for SJG to provide gas and lay its mains and pipes in the City of Vineland. Pursuant to the requirements of N.J.S.A. 48:3-16, SJG hereby accepts Ordinance No. 2015-33, as passed.

Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Stacey M. Barnes, Esq. Director, Legal Compliance

sbarnes@sjindustries.com

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Enclosure

cc: John Stanziola, Director, Regulatory Affairs Abbey Greenberg, Public Affairs Specialist



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(SEAL)

Christine A. Scarpa,
Deputy Municipal Clerk

EXHIBIT D



Stacey M. Barnes, Esq. Director, Legal Compliance Office of General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

October 20, 2015

(Via Certified Mail)

Deputy Municipal Clerk, City of Vineland 640 E. Wood Street Vineland, NJ 08362

Clerk, Board of Chosen Freeholders 164 West Broad Street

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Re:	Re: In the Matter of the Petition of South Jersey Gas Company for Approval Municipal Consent in the City of Vineland, Cumberland County BPU Docket No	of a
To the	to the Parties Addressed:	
to the	ursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:2-14, South Jersey Gas Company ("South of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (the "Board") for approval of the City of Io. 2015-33, which granted South Jersey renewed permission to continue to us ownship for the provision of natural gas service for fifty (50) years.	Vineland, Ordinance
Please	lease be advised that the Board has set at at	the Board's office
floor)	ocated at 44 South Clinton Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08625 in Conference Roloor) as the time and place for the hearing on this matter. You are welcome to attend the record.	
	Very truly yours,	
	Stacey M. Barnes, Esq.	
SMR	sbarnes@sjindustries.com MB/Inim	

Service List (via email) cc: