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Hon. Irene Kim Asbury, Secretary
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**Re: I/M/O the Petition of the Four Electric Distribution Companies for Approval
of the Results of the Review Process to Evaluate the Manner for Selecting a
Solar Renewable Energy Certificate Auction Manager
BPU Docket No.: EO13121180**

Dear Secretary Asbury:

Please accept for filing this original and ten copies of the comments of the Division of Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel") regarding a letter to the Board of Public Utilities ("Board") dated October 23, 2013 submitted in the above-referenced matter on behalf of Atlantic City Electric Company, Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Public Service Electric and Gas Company, and Rockland Electric Company (collectively, the "EDCs").

As explained in the EDCs' letter, in an Order issued January 29, 2014 the Board approved National Economic Research Associates ("NERA") as the EDCs' Joint Auction Manager to conduct auctions of Solar Renewable Energy Certificates ("SRECs") generated as a result of the EDCs' solar energy programs. As indicated in the October 23, 2015 letter, the January 29, 2014 Order approved NERA as the SREC Auction Manager for a two-year period, and directed the EDCs to advise the Board prior to the end of the two-year period whether NERA continues to

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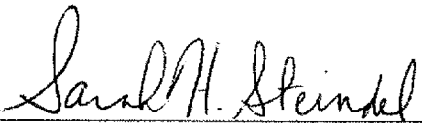
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meet the applicable criteria for the Auction Manager, and whether extending NERA's contract would be in the interest of ratepayers. The EDCs' letter advises that they believe NERA continues to meet the applicable criteria, and that it would be in ratepayers' best interests to explore continuing their current contract with NERA.

Rate Counsel does not object to the EDCs' proposal to explore extending NERA's contract to act as their SREC Auction Manager. By copy of this letter, Rate Counsel requests that the EDCs keep Rate Counsel informed of the status of the contract extension process.

Respectfully submitted,

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