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State of New Jersey - Board of Public Utilities Irene Kim Asbury, Secretary 44 South Clinton Ave, 9th Floor PO Box 350 Trenton, NJ 08625-0350

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November 18, 2015

Re:

Plumsted Community Energy Aggregation (PCEA) Program

Draft Opt-Out Notice and Program Summary to Residential Customers

Dear Ms. Asbury:

Please find attached, on behalf of the Township of Plumsted, Ocean County, New Jersey, and in accordance with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 14:4-6.6 (i) and (l), three (3) copies of the draft opt-out notice to residential customers, in connection with the third round of the Plumsted Community Energy Aggregation ("PCEA") program.

Please feel free to contact me at (732) 296-0770 should you have any questions or wish to discuss these documents.

Very Truly Yours,

Robert Chilton

Executive Vice-President

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Amount of Time Required to Change Back to Default Service or Another TPS:	The request to switch out of the PCEA program will become effective on the next available meter read date in accordance with State-approved processes implemented by JCP&L
Incentives:	None
Right to Opt-Out/Rescind/Cancel:	Eligible residents will be <u>automatically enrolled</u> in the PCEA Round III program unless you indicate your desire not to participate by submitting an 'opt-out' request within 30 days of the postmark on this notice. If you choose to 'opt-out' of the program, please sign and return the enclosed postage-paid card, call TriEagle Energy toll-free at (877)-933-2453, or email <u>customercare@trieagleenergy.com</u> (Subject: PCEA Opt-Out) within 30 days of the postmark of this notice. If you do not opt-out within the initial 30-day period, you may leave the PCEA program at any time that you choose by calling TriEagle or emailing your request using the contact information above. If you wish to be permanently removed from this and all future PCEA programs, please contact the Township's Energy Consultant, Gabel Associates, at 855-365-0770 or <u>PCEA-info@gabelassociates.com</u>
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