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#### **VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**

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ER 17030308

Re:

I/M/O the Petition of Atlantic City Electric Company for Approval of Amendments to Its Tariff to Provide for an Increase in Rates and Charges for Electric Service Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.1, and for Other Appropriate Relief (2017)

#### Dear Judge Pelios:

Enclosed are an original and three (3) copies of the Motion of the Builder's League of South Jersey to Intervene in this proceeding.

I am advised that this matter has been transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law using an incorrect docket number (ER16030252). I am further advised that the correct docket number, which appears on the motion and will be provided to you officially by the Board of Public Utilities, is ER17030308.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated courtesies.

Very truly yours,

Steven S. Goldenberg

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#### STATE OF NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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In the Matter of the Petition of Atlantic	)		BOARD	OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
City Electric Company for Approval of	)			MAIL ROOM
Amendments to Its Tariff to Provide for	)	BPU Docket No. ER 17030308	}	
an Increase in Rates and Charges for	)			
Electric Service Pursuant to N.J.S.A.	)			
48:2-21 and N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.1, and for	)	*		
Other Appropriate Relief (2017)	)			

# MOTION TO INTERVENE OF BUILDERS LEAGUE OF SOUTH JERSEY, INC.

The Builders League of South Jersey, Inc. ("BLSJ"), is a trade association whose members include builders and developers of residential, commercial, industrial, and office real estate in Burlington, Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem, Atlantic and Cape May Counties. BLSJ members are customers of Atlantic City Electric Company ("ACE") and conduct business with ACE for themselves and others in accordance with the Terms and Conditions set forth in ACE's tariff applicable to the manner in which ACE provides electric service to customers. BLSJ hereby moves to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding. In support of its motion, BLSJ states as follows:

1. All communications and correspondence concerning this proceeding should be directed to:

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- 2. By Petition dated March 30, 2017, ACE seeks the Board's approval to increase and revise ACE's rates and charges for electric service and for related relief. Specifically, ACE seeks, among other things, an annual increase in its current retail base rates for electric service of approximately \$70.2 million (\$74.8 million with SUT) over current delivery rates, or an approximate 6.57% increase for a typical residential customer. ACE also seeks a return on equity of 10.10%, an increase in the monthly customer charge, authority to implement a System Renewal Recovery Charge, and to revise certain of the Terms and Conditions in its current tariff. The Company also seeks authority to implement its proposed rates for service rendered on or after December 30, 2017 on an interim basis, subject to refund, if the requested rate change is not implemented in a timely manner.
- 3. The Petition states that the requested increase is sought due in part to the significant incremental capital investments made in the Company's distribution infrastructure after December 31, 2015 that have not been reflected in rate base, including \$159.4 million invested in 2016.
- 4. The Petition also seeks approval of a System Renewal Recovery Charge, a tracker, that would enable more current cost recovery of investments as they are placed into service and to assist ACE's efforts to achieve its authorized rate of return.

WHEREFORE, in support of its application for intervention in this proceeding, and as further summarized below, BLSJ respectfully submits that all factors for intervention set forth in N.J.A.C. 1:1-16 weigh in favor of the granting of BLSJ's motion to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding:

1. BLSJ formed, in part, to monitor legislation, regulatory proceedings, and judicial proceedings that affect real estate development in this State. This mission includes the monitoring of utility rate cases and provisions contained in utility tariffs that affect the business interests of

BLSJ members. BLSJ participates and intervenes in legislation, regulatory, judicial, and rate proceedings to the extent necessary to represent its members' common interests. Members of BLSJ are electric distribution customers of ACE and are involved, for themselves and for third parties, in the development, installation and modification of electric infrastructure in the ACE service territory in accordance with the Terms and Conditions set forth in the ACE tariff. Therefore, BLSJ will be substantially and specifically affected by the outcome of the proceeding.

- 2. Given its capacity as an association of builders and developer customers of the ACE system that will be directly and immediately affected by the rate and Tariff-related relief sought by ACE in this proceeding, BLSJ's interests are unique from and not adequately represented by any other party.
- 3. BLSJ has a unique perspective and insight regarding the potential impact, on builders and developers, of the rate relief, charges and Tariff revisions that are being sought by ACE in this proceeding.
- 4. BLSJ's motion is timely and will not delay or otherwise disrupt the prosecution of this proceeding.
- 5. Fundamental fairness and due process considerations require that BLSJ be afforded an opportunity to fully participate as an Intervenor in this proceeding, the outcome of which will have a significant impact on the cost and the terms and conditions of the services ACE provides to the members of BLSJ.
- 6. Accordingly, the issues to be decided in this proceeding "substantially, specifically and directly affect" BLSJ and its members within the meaning of these terms as used in the Uniform Rules, thereby making it appropriate for BLSJ to intervene as a party.

connection with the development, installation, modification and use of ACE's distribution

Furthermore, the interests of BLSJ's members as builders and developers in

facilities and services, are substantially different from those of any other party seeking

intervention. Therefore, BLSJ's interests in this proceeding are unique on both a quantitative and

qualitative basis.

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8. BLSJ's entry as a party would "measurably and constructively" advance this

proceeding (N.J.A.C. 1:1-16.3(a)) because of the unique status of its members as customers and

users of the ACE electric distribution system. BLSJ's entry as a party would promote an informed

and balanced presentation of the issues.

9. Notwithstanding its unique interests, where it is possible and practical for it to do

so, BLSJ will endeavor to work cooperatively with other parties in this proceeding in the interests

of administrative efficiency and economy.

10. For the foregoing reasons, and because BLSJ's members will be directly and

substantially affected by the issues to be determined in this proceeding, BLSJ has a direct and

immediate interest in the outcome of this proceeding that cannot adequately be represented by any

other party.

WHEREFORE, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:1-16.1, et seq., BLSJ respectfully requests that it

be permitted to intervene, with full procedural and substantive rights, in the above-captioned

By:

proceeding.

Dated: June 16, 2017

Respectfully submitted

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#### **CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served via electronic mail copies of the foregoing Motion to Intervene to the parties identified on the service list. The original and three copies have been forwarded via Federal Express to the Honorable Elia A. Pelios, ALJ. Ten (10) copies have been forwarded via first class mail to Irene K. Asbury, Secretary, Board of Public Utilities.

Dated at Lawrenceville, New Jersey, this 16th day of June, 2017.

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