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BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES TRENTON, NJ

Re: In the Matter of the Acquisition of Elizabethtown Gas, a Division of Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc., by ETG Acquisition Corp., a Subsidiary of South Jersey Industries, Inc. and Related Transactions BPU Docket No. GM17121309

Dear Secretary Camacho,

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.8 of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' ("Board") regulations, on behalf of Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Elizabethtown Gas ("Elizabethtown") and Southern Company Gas ("SCG"), enclosed please find a "Confidentiality Claim and Substantiation of Confidentiality Claim for Response to S-ETG-ECON-27 and S-ETG-ECON-29" submitted this same day in this proceeding.

Kindly acknowledge receipt and filing of the enclosures by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to us in the enclosed self-addressed and stamped envelope. Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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A public copy of the Confidential Material is being submitted to the Board Secretary under a cover letter dated this same day. Both the confidential and public versions are also being submitted under this transmittal letter in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3.¹

¹ In accordance with Section 14:1-12.3 of the Board's rules, the unredacted version of the filing is labeled "CONFIDENTIAL COPY" and is sealed in an envelope displaying the word "Confidential" which is enclosed in another envelope bearing no markings indicating the confidential nature of the contents. The redacted version of the filing is labeled "PUBLIC COPY" with the confidential information identified.

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Enclosures: Confidentiality Claim, Public Copy and Confidential Copy

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INC. AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS:

CONFIDENTIALITY CLAIM & SUBSTANTIATION OF CONFIDENTIALITY CLAIM FOR RESPONSE TO S-ETG-AMA-1, INCLUDING S-ETG-AMA-1 Attachment 01 (Confidential)

BPU Docket No. GM17121309

I. CONFIDENTIALITY CLAIM

South Jersey Industries, Inc. ("SJI"), South Jersey Resources Group, LLC ("SJRG") and Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Elizabethtown Gas ("Elizabethtown", and, collectively with SJI and SJRG, the "Providing Party"), Joint Petitioners in the above-captioned matter pending before the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board"), in accordance with N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.8, hereby claim that the enclosed Sequent Energy Management, L.P. ("Sequent") Asset Management Agreement ("AMA") being produced in discovery in response to S-ETG-AMA-1 as S-ETG-AMA-1 Attachment 01 (Confidential) (the "Confidential Information") and the information contained therein are entitled to confidential treatment. The Confidential Information contains the AMA with certain proposed additions to and deletions from the current language shown in redline format that are being proposed in connection with the proposal in this proceeding for SJRG to provide upstream pipeline capacity management services as well as gas supply to Elizabethtown.

The Providing Party respectfully requests that the Board determine that the enclosed Confidential Information is confidential, and that it is not to be provided by the Board's Government Records Custodian in response to any request for access under the Open Public Records Act ("OPRA"). N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, et. seq. Due to its sensitive nature, the enclosed Confidential Information falls under specific exemptions from OPRA's definition of "government record" and therefore should receive confidential treatment and not be subject to disclosure. Furthermore, any descriptions contained in this substantiation of confidentiality of the subject Confidential Information should also be determined as confidential. The following paragraphs will serve to satisfy the confidentiality substantiation requirements of N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.8.

II. DESIGNATION OF ADDRESSEE FOR NOTICE

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.4, 12.7 and 12.9, the Providing Party hereby designates that all correspondence, custodian communications (oral and written) including but not limited to, notices, and inquiries relating to this confidentiality claim and substantiation should be directed to:

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Mark E. Rueff Vice President Sequent Energy Management, L.P. 1200 Smith Street, Suite 900 Houston, TX 77002 Telephone: (832) 397-3746

III. SUBSTANTIATION OF CONFIDENTIALITY CLAIM

A. Summary Description of Materials

Briefly described, the enclosed Confidential Information, which consists of the AMA (excluding exhibits), provides detailed non-public information regarding (1) the specific agreement under which Sequent acts as Elizabethtown's gas supplier and asset manager; and (2) the specific agreement under which SJRG is proposing to act as Elizabethtown's gas supplier

following the close of the acquisition proposed in this proceeding. Disclosure of the Confidential Information to other competing entities would be harmful to the competitive position of the Elizabethtown, Sequent, and SJRG.

B. OPRA Exception(s)

The AMA contains <u>proprietary financial and competitive information</u>, as well as <u>proprietary trade secrets</u>, and therefore falls squarely under at least two exemptions to the definition of "government record" given in OPRA. <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 47:1A-1.1. Thus, it is not subject to any presumption of public access, <u>see id.</u>, at <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 47:1A-1, and is not subject to disclosure. <u>See id.</u>, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 47:1A-1.1; <u>see also N.J.A.C.</u> 14:1-12.8(a)(6).

C. Measures Taken to Prevent Disclosure of Sensitive Information.

The Providing Party has protected the confidential portions of the AMA by refusing to make it, or the information contained therein, available to the public or to submit it to public agencies without seeking confidential protection. See N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.8(a)(1).

D. The AMA is Not Presently Attached to, Cited in, Or Included in Other Publicly Available Materials.

The Providing Party hereby asserts that the AMA, as it currently exists or with the changes proposed in redline in the Confidential Information, is not found in any other materials available to the general public. There are no final orders in contested case adjudications, press releases, copies of speeches, pamphlets, educational materials or other materials which contain sensitive portions of the AMA, or any substantive information contained therein. The sensitive

¹ The regulations identify the following exemptions: information "which in the person's or entity's opinion constitutes trade secrets, energy trade secrets or other energy information submitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27F-18, proprietary commercial or financial information, or information which if disclosed, would be likely to cause damage to either a competitive or bidding position or national security...." N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.1(b).

information found in the AMA has been kept confidential by the Providing Party. See N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.8(a)(2).

E. The Confidential Information Has Only Been Disclosed Pursuant to a Non-Disclosure Agreement.

The Confidential Information has been or will only be disclosed to the parties in this proceeding pursuant to a Non-Disclosure Agreement, which provides that recipients of Confidential Information shall not disclose the contents of the documents produced pursuant to that agreement. Thus, the Providing Party has taken adequate precautions to ensure the non-dissemination of the Confidential Information. See N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.8(4). Further, the AMA was disclosed under confidentiality agreements to the Staff of the Board of Public Utilities and the Division of Rate Counsel, and their consultants, in BPU Docket No. GO13040272. An OPRA substantiation of confidentiality claim was filed as to the AMA in that proceeding.

F. The Confidential Portions of the AMA Have Not Otherwise Been Disclosed.

The Providing Party hereby asserts that the AMA, as it currently exists or with the changes proposed in redline in the Confidential Information, and the information contained therein has not been disclosed to the general public and has not been disclosed to any other tribunals, agencies, courts, administrative or governmental bodies without first seeking acceptable confidentiality protections. <u>See N.J.A.C.</u> 14:1-12.8(a)(3).

G. Harmful Effects Resulting from Disclosure.

The Confidential Information is both (i) proprietary commercial information, and (ii) information which, if disclosed, would give an advantage to competitors. Specifically, the information for which confidential treatment is sought sets forth the full commercial terms under which (i) Elizabethtown currently secures asset management services and a substantial portion of its gas supply, and (ii) SJRG is proposing to provide those services to Elizabethtown after the

acquisition of Elizabethtown's assets. Capacity management and gas supply services are

provided in highly competitive markets and the disclosure of the information for which

confidentiality is sought could seriously harm both Elizabethtown's efforts to secure such

services at the most reasonable cost for the benefit of its customers and Sequent's and SJRG's

ability to provide such services in unregulated, competitive markets. See N.J.A.C. 14:1-

12.8(a)(6).

H. **Indefinite Confidentiality**

Given the sensitive nature of the information contained in the Confidential Information

the period of time for which it receives confidential treatment from the Board should be

indefinite. At no time can this information be divulged to any person or entity because doing so

would seriously compromise the Providing Party's business plans and competitive standing in

the utility industry and the competitive position of third parties. See N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.8(a)(7).

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the Providing Party respectfully requests that

the Board approve this Confidentiality Claim, rule that the enclosed Confidential Information are

not government records in that they are exempt from OPRA's definition of government records,

direct its Records Custodian, as that term is defined in OPRA, to deny all applications for access

to, or disclosure of, the enclosed Confidential Information, continue indefinitely to treat the

enclosed documents as confidential, and grant such other relief and approvals as it may deem

appropriate and necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

By:

Deborah M. Franco

Cullen and Dykman LLP

Attorneys for Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc.

d/b/a Elizabethtown Gas

Dated: March 15, 2018

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BPU Docket No. GM17121309

I, Gregory M. Nuzzo, President of South Jersey Resources Group, LLC, hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, the confidential statements and affirmations contained in the enclosed confidentiality claim are true and accurate, and that said Confidential Information requires unqualified confidential protection.

I further certify that the Confidential Information contains confidential information which falls within exemptions to the definition of "government record" given in N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1 as this document contains proprietary, commercial, financial, and competitive information. I also certify that the Providing Parties have taken substantial measures to prevent disclosure of this confidential information to others.

I further certify that disclosure of this confidential information will result in harmful effects to the Providing Parties and to the counterparties to the proposed transactions. The competitive position of the Providing Parties will be undermined if the confidential information becomes available to competitors in the utility industry.

I understand that if any of the foregoing is willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

By:

Date March 15, 2018

Gregory M. Nuzzo

President

South Jersey Resources Group, LLC

Subscribed and Sworn to Before Me, A Notary Public of the State of New Jersey, This 15th Day of March, 2018.

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My Commission Expires October 29, 2010

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I, Mary Patricia Kcefe, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and Business Support of Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Elizabethtown Gas, hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, the confidential statements and affirmations contained in the enclosed confidentiality claim are true and accurate, and that said AMA requires unqualified confidential protection.

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Mary Patricia Keefe

Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and Business Support

Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a

Elizabethtown Gas

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Date March 16, 2018

Mark E. Rueff

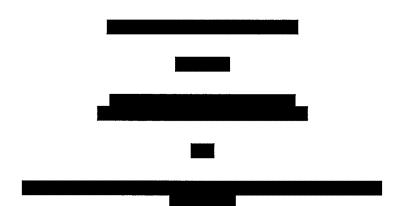
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Subscribed and Sworn to Before Me, A Notary Public of the State of Texas, This 16th Day of March, 2018.

Notary Public

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The Providing Parties respectfully request that the Board determine the Confidential Information is confidential, and that it is not to be provided by the Board's Government Records Custodian in response to any request for access under the Open Public Records Act ("OPRA").

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· III. SUBSTANTIATION OF CONFIDENTIALITY CLAIM

A. Summary Description of Materials

Briefly described, the enclosed Confidential Materials provide detailed non-public information regarding the acquisition at issue in this proceeding, along with business operations and financial data regarding the Providing Parties. The Confidential Materials provided to the Board of Directors of SCG regarding the sale of the assets of Elizabethtown include competitively sensitive information such as financial and operational data that underlie the strategic planning and decision-making of the SCG Board of Directors. Disclosure of the Confidential Materials to other competing entities would be harmful to the competitive position of SCG.

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F. The Confidential Portions of the Confidential Information Have Not Otherwise Been Disclosed.

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G. Harmful Effects Resulting from Disclosure.

If the Confidential Information were made public it would significantly harm the business

operations and competitive position of SCG by providing their competitors in the utility business

with valuable information about SCG's strategic planning and business decision-making

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appropriate and necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

By:

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Elizabethtown Gas

Dated: March 16, 2018

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BPU Docket No. GM17121309

I, Mary Patricia Keefe, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and Business Support of Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Elizabethtown Gas, hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, the confidential statements and affirmations contained in the enclosed confidentiality claim are true and accurate, and that said Confidential Information requires unqualified confidential protection.

I further certify that the Confidential Information contains confidential information which falls within exemptions to the definition of "government record" given in N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1 as this document contains proprietary, commercial, financial, and competitive information. I also certify that the Providing Parties have taken substantial measures to prevent disclosure of this confidential information to others.

I further certify that disclosure of this confidential information will result in harmful effects to the Providing Parties and to the counterparties to the proposed transactions. The competitive position of the Providing Parties will be undermined if the confidential information becomes available to competitors in the utility industry.

I understand that if any of the foregoing is willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Date March 16, 2018

Mary Matricia Keefe

Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and

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Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a

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Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer

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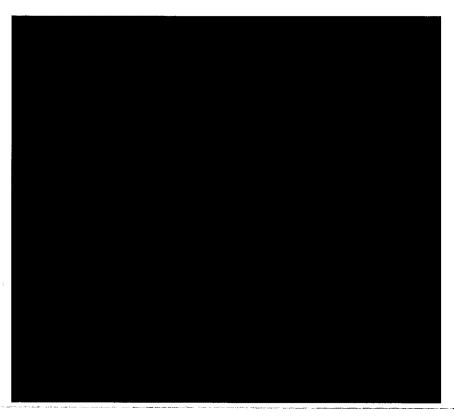
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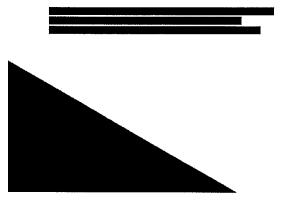
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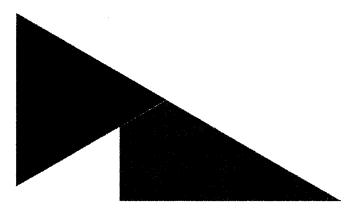
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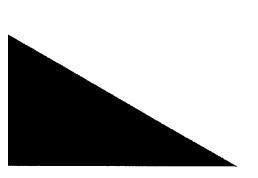


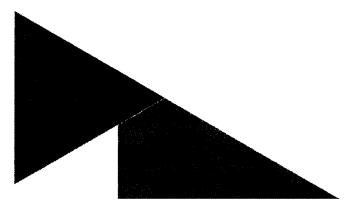
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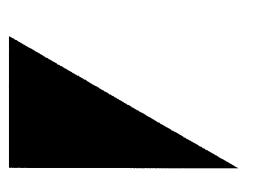


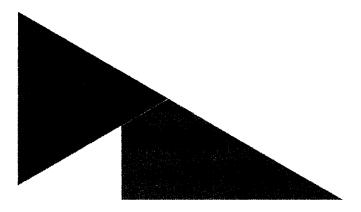
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