

Matthew M. Weissman  
General Regulatory Counsel - Rates

Law Department  
PSEG Services Corporation  
80 Park Plaza - T5, Newark, New Jersey 07102-4194  
tel : 973-430-7052 fax: 973-430-5983  
email: [matthew.weissman@pseg.com](mailto:matthew.weissman@pseg.com)

RECEIVED  
MAIL ROOM  
JUN 12 2018



BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES  
TRENTON, NJ

June 8, 2018

In The Matter of the Petition of  
Public Service Electric and Gas Company  
for Approval of The Second Energy Strong Program  
(Energy Strong II)

RECEIVED  
CASE MANAGEMENT

JUN 12 2018

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES  
TRENTON, NJ

BPU Docket Nos. EO18060629  
G018060630

**VIA E-FILING & OVERNIGHT MAIL**

Office of the Secretary  
Attn: Aida Camacho-Welch  
Board of Public Utilities  
44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Flr.  
P.O. Box 350  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350

Dear Secretary Camacho-Welch:

Enclosed for filing are the original and two copies of the Verified Petition of Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G") in the above-entitled matter. Also attached and filed herewith are the Direct Testimonies and Schedules of the following witnesses in support of the Company's Petition.

<u>Attachment</u>	<u>Witness</u>	<u>Area of Responsibility</u>
1	Wade E. Miller, Director – Gas Transmission and Distribution Engineering, PSE&G	Gas portion of PSE&G's proposed Energy Strong II Program
2	Edward F. Gray, Director – Electric Transmission and Distribution Engineering, PSE&G	Electric portion of PSE&G's proposed Energy Strong II Program
3	Stephen Swetz, Senior Director – Corporate Rates and Revenue Requirements, PSE&G	Revenue requirements, cost recovery methodology, and rate design

CMS  
Legal - Attachments  
DAG LTR  
RPA ONLY  
ENERGY'S Peterson  
TOC - Attachments

4	William D. Williams, Black & Veatch	Use of a risk-based model in identifying priority investments, and estimating the risk reduction attributable to ES II electric substation projects
5	CBA Electric Panel – Krystal Richart, Craig Preuss and Andrew Trump, Black & Veatch	Cost-benefit analyses of the electric portion of the Energy Strong II Program
6	CBA Gas Panel – Russell Feingold, Michael Nushart, Krystal Richart, and Andrew Trump, Black & Veatch	Cost-benefit analyses of the gas portion of the Energy Strong II Program
7	Legal Notice	

PSE&G is filing this Petition seeking Board approval of its Energy Strong II program by which the Company seeks to invest \$2.5 billion, over a five year period, to further strengthen the utility's electric and gas systems to withstand storms, improve reliability and significantly enhance resiliency. This Program builds upon the initial Energy Strong Program, which was approved by a Board order dated May 21, 2014 in BPU Docket Nos. EO13020155 and GO13020156, and complies with the Board's rules on Infrastructure Investment Programs, N.J.A.C. 14:3-2A.

If approved, the proposed program will enable PSE&G to continue its momentum to modernize its infrastructure by launching the second phase of Energy Strong that will:

- Rebuild, raise and/or harden critical electrical equipment, including within flood prone areas,
- install stronger poles and wires to reduce wind and tree damage,
- deploy advanced technology to quicken restoration,
- build backup pipes to distribute natural gas to enhance reliability,
- modernize critical gas equipment within flood prone areas, and
- improve PSE&G's already strong customer service.

Attached to the testimony of Wade Miller (Attachment 1) and Edward Gray (Attachment 2), concerning, respectively, the gas and electric portions of Energy Strong II, are several schedules that contain confidential information. This material will be furnished to the Board of Public Utilities staff and the Division of Rate Counsel upon execution of a Confidentiality Agreement, which is provided herewith for execution. Please note that this Confidentiality Agreement is the version most recently executed by BPU Staff and Rate Counsel in PSE&G's pending 2018 Base Rate Case proceeding.

Secretary Aida Camacho-Welch

- 3 -

June 8, 2018

Copies of the Petition and supporting documentation will be served upon all entities legally required to be noticed.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew Wlesom". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Attachment

C Attached Service List (E-Mail Only)