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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)	PETITION
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS)	BPU DOCKET NOS.
COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF THE)	EO18060629
SECOND ENERGY STRONG PROGRAM)	GO18060630
(ENERGY STRONG II))	

HENKELS & McCoy, INC.'S MOTION TO PARTICIPATE

Henkels & McCoy, Inc. ("H&M"), by way of this Motion, respectfully requests leave to participate in the above-captioned matter pursuant to N.J.A.C. §1:1-16.

1. On or about June 12, 2018, Public Service Electric & Gas Company ("PSE&G") filed a Petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("BPU" or "Board") seeking Board approval of PSE&G's Energy Strong II Program ("Energy Strong II") and associated cost recovery mechanism for a five-year period (the "Petition").

2. On July 25, 2018, the Board determined that the Energy Strong II Petition should be retained by the Board for hearing (the "Order").

3. Pursuant to the New Jersey Administrative Code, "a motion to participate may be made at such time and in such manner as is appropriate for a motion for leave to intervene pursuant to N.J.A.C §1:1-16.2." N.J.A.C. § 1:1-16.6(b).

4. In deciding whether to permit participation, "the judge shall consider whether the participant's interest is likely to add constructively to the case without causing undue delay or confusion." N.J.A.C. § 1:1-16.6(b).

5. Founded in 1923, Henkels & McCoy, Inc., (H&M) is a leading utility construction firm providing critical infrastructure for the power, gas distribution, and communications markets throughout North America.

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6. Over the past five (5) years, H&M has provided more than 1.4 million hours of craft labor, with 1,800 employees, to support PSE&G in its Energy Strong initiatives in power transmission, distribution and substation builds, as well as gas distribution construction services.

7. H&M's broad experience in all areas of utility construction will constructively assist the Board in evaluating, among other things, the value of continuity in continuing the Energy Strong initiative without the need to stop/start the program.

8. Moreover, H&M is witnessing throughout the United States, and particularly in the Northeast, constant competition for specialized construction talent that is short in supply.

9. PSE&G's ability to forge long term commitments to its Energy Strong initiative and its contractor community provides continuous job opportunities for New Jersey residents. This repetition benefits the state by assuring that the most competent and committed talent stay in New Jersey.

10. Maintaining an experienced and trained New Jersey workforce will continue to have positive impacts on safety, quality, cost and schedule.

11. H&M's status as a large-scale heavy infrastructure company gives it unique experience and a distinctive viewpoint concerning Energy Strong II as compared to the other parties and participants in this proceeding. Thus, H&M's participation will be constructive.

12. H&M will also coordinate its representation with similarly situated parties in this matter to the extent that it finds such action appropriate. Moreover, H&M will abide by the schedule set forth for this proceeding and, if granted participant status, will not seek to participate beyond the bounds permitted by N.J.A.C. § 1:1-16.6(c). Accordingly, allowing H&M participant status will not cause any undue delay or confusion with regard to these proceedings.

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WHEREFORE, Henkels & McCoy, Inc. respectfully requests an Order granting it full rights as a participant in this matter pursuant to N.J.A.C. §1: 1-16.1, *et seq.*

Dated: August 21, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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