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In The Matter of the Petition of Public Service Electric and Gas Company to Revise its Weather Normalization Charge (WNC) for the 2018-2019 Annual Period REGEIVED CASE MANAGEMENT

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BPU Docket No. GR18060675

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES TRENTON, NJ

VIA E-MAIL & OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

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Dear Secretary Camacho-Welch:

Enclosed for filing by Public Service Electric and Gas Company, please find an original and ten copies of a Stipulation for Provisional Weather Normalization Charge in the captioned matter.

Thank you for your consideration to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Justin B. Incardone

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)	STIPULATION FOR
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS)	PROVISIONAL WEATHER
COMPANY TO REVISE ITS WEATHER)	NORMALIZATION CHARGE
NORMALIZATION CHARGE (WNC))	BPU Dkt. No. GR18060675
FOR THE 2018-2019 ANNUAL PERIOD)	

APPEARANCES:

Matthew M. Weissman, Esq., General State Regulatory Counsel, and Justin B. Incardone, Esq., Associate General Regulatory Counsel, Esq., for the Petitioner, Public Service Electric and Gas Company

Felicia Thomas-Friel, Esq., Deputy Rate Counsel, and Sarah H. Steindel, Esq., Assistant Deputy Rate Counsel, for the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel (Stefanie A. Brand, Director)

Alex Moreau, Patricia Krogman, and Emma Yao Xiao, Deputy Attorneys General, for the Staff of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (Gurbir S. Grewal, Attorney General of New Jersey)

On June 26, 2018, Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G" or the "Company") filed its Petition with the Board of Public Utilities ("Board" or "BPU") requesting approval to recover \$14,265,094 over the 2018-2019 Winter Period (*i.e.*, October 1-May 31). The Weather Normalization Charge ("WNC") will be collected from PSE&G gas customers receiving service under Rate Schedules Residential Service ("RSG"), General Service ("GSG"), and Large Volume Gas ("LVG") during the 2018-2019 Winter Period.

As part of this Petition, PSE&G proposed a WNC for the 2018-2019 Winter Period of \$0.009676 (\$0.010317 including New Jersey Sales and Use Tax ("SUT")), applicable to the aforementioned rate schedules.

The WNC Tariff was first approved by the Board on July 9, 2010, as part of the Stipulation of Settlement of PSE&G's 2009 base rate case. Decision and Order Adopting Initial

Decision with Modifications for Gas Decision, I/M/O the Petition of PSE&G for Approval of an Increase in Electric and Gas Rates and for Changes in the Tariffs for Electric and Gas Service, Dkt. No. GR09050422 (July 2010 Order). The BPU approved the permanent 2017-2018 PSE&G WNC rate and Tariff on April 25, 2018. Decision and Order, I/M/O the Petition of PSE&G to Revise Its Weather Normalization Charge for the 2017-2018 Annual Period, Dkt. No. GR17060720 (April 25, 2018).

In calculating the proposed WNC, PSE&G represents that it has utilized calculations required by the July 2010 Order and reflected in PSE&G's WNC Tariff. Specifically, PSE&G is required to calculate, at the end of each Winter Period, the level by which margin revenues differed from what would have resulted if normal weather had occurred. The base level of normal degree days for the 2017-2018 Winter Period is defined in PSE&G's WNC Tariff. As approved by the Board, any excess or deficiency is to be credited or recovered in the following year during the Winter Period through the WNC.

In accordance with the WNC Tariff, PSE&G represents that it has trued-up the Degree Day Consumption Factors utilized in the determination of the proposed WNC at the end of the Winter Period. In addition, the revised WNC Tariff Sheets developed by PSE&G and included in the Petition reflect updated Degree Day Consumption Factors for the 2018-2019 Winter Period.

These calculations establish a margin revenue over recovery of \$8,846,178. In calculating the 2018-2019 WNC request for recovery, PSE&G represents that it has made one adjustment to the margin revenue deficiency in accordance with the WNC Tariff. More specifically, in Docket No. GR17060720, the Board approved the collection of \$54,738,895

through the WNC, of which \$31,882,242 was to be recovered over the 2017-2018 Winter Period ("Part I"), with the remaining deficiency of \$22,856,653 to be recovered over the 2018-2019 Winter Period ("Part II"). The full recovery of the \$54,738,895 was limited for the 2017-2018 Winter Period due to the application of the 3% rate cap. The Company collected \$31,627,623 of the anticipated Part I amount of \$31,882,242, resulting in a balance of \$254,619 to be carried over and added to the part II amount of \$22,856,653. As such, this computes to \$23,111,272 (\$254,619 plus \$22,856,653) of remaining deficiency from the 2016-2017 Winter Period to be collected from customers over the 2018-2019 Winter Period.

Subsequent to the June 26, 2018 filing, the Company made a compliance filing on August 31, 2018 in response to the Board's Order in the Company's petition for Approval of Electric and Gas Base Rate Adjustments Pursuant to the Energy Strong Program ("Energy Strong Matter") in Docket Nos. ER18040358 and GR18040359. As a result of the settlement of the Energy Strong Matter, the Margin Revenue Factors for Rate Schedules RSG, GSG, and LVG were updated in Tariff Sheet No. 46 effective September 1, 2018. The update to the Margin Revenue Factors is reflected in Exhibit A; however, it has no impact on the Company's request in this matter.

PSE&G, Board Staff, and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel") (collectively, the "Parties"), the only Parties to this proceeding, discussed certain matters at issue herein. As a result of those discussions, the Parties have determined that additional time is needed to complete the review of the proposed WNC and other aspects of the Company's filing. However, the Parties also agree that change in the Company's proposed WNC for the 2018-2019 Winter Period, on a provisional basis, is reasonable at this time.

NOW THEREFORE, THE PARTIES STIPULATE AND AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) The Parties stipulate and request that the BPU provisionally approve PSE&G's WNC of \$0.009676 without SUT (\$0.010317 including SUT) per balancing therm applicable to Rate Schedules RSG, GSG, and LVG for the 2018-2019 Winter Period. As a result of the stipulated provisional WNC, PSE&G's typical residential gas heating customers using 165 therms in a winter month and 1,010 therms on an annual basis would experience a decrease in their annual bill from \$879.22 to \$871.42, a difference of \$7.80 or approximately 0.89%, based upon Delivery Rates and BGSS-RSG charges in effect on September 1, 2018, with the WNC set to the rate that was in effect for the 2017-2018 WNC Winter Period, and assuming the customer receives gas commodity service from PSE&G.
- 2) The Parties further agree that upon Board approval of the above provisional rate, the Company is authorized to issue revised Gas WNC Tariff Sheet Nos. 45, 46, and 47 to reflect the revised provisional WNC delineated in Paragraph 1 above applicable to gas customers to be effective on November 1, 2018. Copies of the proposed Tariff Sheets are attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 3) The Parties understand that these changes are on a provisional basis, subject to true-up of the earnings for the Annual Period, and subject to an opportunity for a full review of all issues in this matter at the Office of Administrative Law, if applicable and necessary, and final approval by the Board.
- 4) The Parties agree that this settlement for the provisional WNC reflects mutually balancing interests and contains interdependent provisions and, therefore, is intended to be accepted and approved in its entirety. In the event any particular aspect of this settlement is not

accepted and approved in its entirety by the Board, this settlement shall be null and void, and the Parties shall be placed in the same position that they were in immediately prior to its execution.

- 5) The Parties further agree that a Board Order approving this settlement will become effective upon the service of said Order, or upon such date after the service thereof as the Board may specify, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 48:2-40.
- 6) The Parties further agree that this settlement for the provisional WNC has been made exclusively for the purpose of this proceeding and that this settlement, in total or specific item, is in no way binding upon them in any other proceeding, except to enforce the terms of this settlement for the provisional WNC.

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WEATHER NORMALIZATION CHARGE

CHARGE APPLICABLE TO RATE SCHEDULES RSG, GSG, LVG (Per Balancing Therm)

	Weather Normalization Charge	Weather Normalization Charge including SUT
October 1, 20172018 through May 31, 20182019	\$ 0.021647 0.009676	\$ 0.023081 0.010317
June 1, 2018 2019 through September 30, 2018 2019	\$0.00000	\$0.000000

Weather Normalization Charge

This charge shall be applicable to the rate schedules listed above. The weather normalization charge applied in each Winter Period shall be based on the differences between actual and normal weather during the preceding winter period. The weather normalization charge shall be determined as follows:

I. DEFINITION OF TERMS AS USED HEREIN

1. Degree Days (DD)

- the difference between 65°F and the mean daily temperature for the day. The mean daily temperature is the simple average of the 24 hourly temperature observations for a day.

2. Actual Calendar Month Degree Days

- the accumulation of the actual Degree Days for each day of a calendar month.

3. Normal Calendar Month Degree Days

- the level of calendar month degree days to which this clause applies.

The normal calendar month Degree Days used in this clause will be the twenty-year average of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) First Order Weather Observation Station at the Newark airport and will be updated annually in the Weather Normalization Clause (WNC) proceeding. The base level of normal degree days for the defined winter period months for the 20172018-2019 Winter Period are set forth in the table below:

Normal

Degree Days					
Oct - 17 18	249.24 240.16				
Nov - 17 18	514.57 510.58				
Dec - 17 18	819.31 823.87				
Jan - 18 19	999.69 989.26				
Feb - 18 19	838.55 836.38				
Mar - 18 19	682.31 <u>685.38</u>				
Apr - 18 19	357.52 350.33				
May - 18 19	126.62 125.95				

4. Winter Period

- shall be the eight consecutive calendar months from October of one calendar year through May of the following calendar year.

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WEATHER NORMALIZATION CHARGE (Continued)

5. Degree Day Dead Band

- shall be one-half (1/2 %) percent of the sum of the cumulative Normal Calendar Month Degree Days for the Winter Period and shall be allocated to each winter month in the same proportion as the ratio of the normal degree days for that month to the total normal degree days.

6. Degree Day Consumption Factors

- the use per degree day component of the gas sales equations by month used in forecasting firm gas sales for the applicable rate schedules. These factors will be updated annually in the WNC proceeding. Degree day Consumption Factors for the 20172018-2018-2019 Winter Period are set forth below and presented as therms per degree day:

	RSG-Residential		Commercial			Industrial		
Month			GSG		LVG	GSG		LVG
	Heating	Non- Heating	Heating	Non-Heating		Heating	Non- Heating	
Oct 17 18	-106,936 <u>112,333</u>	2,872 <u>2,969</u>	39,384 21,899	1,295 <u>1,382</u>	81,860- 79,478	545 <u>551</u>		-6,671 <u>6,733</u>
Nov 17 <u>18</u>	195,957	8,613	26,279	2,609	81,860-	1,075	115	6,671
	<u>204,207</u>	8,296	<u>28,876</u>	<u>2,623</u>	79,478	<u>1,079</u>	118	6,733
Dec 17 18	244,471	-11,825 -	42,337	3,494	81,860	1,434	183	6,671
	<u>247,265</u>	<u>10,926</u>	36,712	3,518	79,478	1,372	<u>185</u>	<u>6,733</u>
Jan 18 <u>19</u>	235,679	11,758	57,050	3,782	82,274	2,039	214	6,672
	262,255	11,336	<u>41,391</u>	3,791	79,926	<u>1,965</u>	215	6,746
Feb 18 19	240,480	11,629	54,776	3,874	82,274	1,638	222	-6,672
	272,434	<u>11,252</u>	45,573	3,897	79,926	<u>1,589</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>6,746</u>
Mar 18 19	234,561	12,252	53,931	3,933	82,274	2,207	238	6,672
	<u>271,030</u>	<u>12,060</u>	47,137	3,978	79,926	2,105	237	<u>6,746</u>
Apr 18 19	210,553	13,559	43,515	4,109	82,274	1,344	219	6,672
	246,404	<u>12,334</u>	41,131	4,066	79,926	<u>1,338</u>	212	<u>6,746</u>
May- 18 19	164,748	9,961	25,772	4,446	8 2,274	710	167	6,672
	<u>169,357</u>	<u>9,897</u>	29,934	4,128	79,926	733	<u>173</u>	6,746

The consumption factors established in advance of each Winter Period shall be based on the forecast number of customers by rate schedule. These factors shall be trued-up at the end of the Winter Period for which the factors apply in order to reflect the actual average number of customers by rate schedule.

7. Margin Revenue Factor

- the weighted average of the Distribution Charges as quoted in the individual rate schedules to which this clause applies net of applicable taxes. The weighted average shall be determined by multiplying the margin revenue component of the Distribution Charges of each rate schedule to which this clause applies by each rate schedule's percentage of total consumption of all the rate schedules to which this clause applies for the winter period and summing this result for all the rate schedules to which this clause applies. The Margin Revenue Factors shall be redetermined each time new base rates are put into effect.

Margin Revenue Factors:

Rate Schedule RSG	\$ <u>0.300406</u> <u>0.300343</u>
Rate Schedule GSG	\$ <u>0.247120</u>
Rate Schedule LVG	\$ <u>0.039778</u>

8. Annual Period

- shall be the 12 consecutive months from October 1 of one calendar year through September 30 of the following calendar year.

9. Average 13 Month Common Equity Balance

- shall be calculated by adding the Net Gas Utility Plant in Service (Gas Plant in Service less Accumulated Depreciation Reserve) at the beginning of the Annual Period (i.e., October 1) and the month ending balances for each of the twelve months in the Annual Period divided by thirteen (13), and multiplying by 40.88% (ratio of equity component of the Company's capital structure to net plant in service from most recent base rate case).

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WEATHER NORMALIZATION CHARGE (Continued)

II. DETERMINATION OF THE WEATHER NORMALIZATION RATE

At the end of the Winter Period during the Annual Period, a calculation shall be made that determines for all months of the Winter Period the level by which margin revenues differed from what would have resulted if normal weather (as determined by reference to the Degree Day Dead Band) occurred. This calculation is made by multiplying the monthly Degree Day Consumption Factor by the difference between Normal Calendar Month Degree Days as adjusted for the Degree Day Dead Band, and Actual Calendar Month Degree Days and, in turn, multiplying the result by the Margin Revenue Factor. To the extent the Actual Calendar Month Degree Days exceeds Normal Calendar Month Degree Days as adjusted for the Degree Day Dead Band, an excess of margin revenues exist. To the extent Actual Calendar Month Degree Days were less than Normal Calendar Month Degree Days as adjusted for the Degree Day Dead Band, a deficiency of marginal revenue exists. The sum of the monthly calculations represents the total revenue excess or deficiency for the Winter Period. If, at the end of the Winter Period of the Annual Period, the degree day variation from normal weather is less than the Degree Day Dead Band, the weather normalization clause will not be in effect.

The WNC shall not operate to permit the Company to recover any portion of a margin revenue deficiency that will cause the Gas Utility to earn in excess of its allowed rate of return on common equity of 10.3% for the Annual Period; any portion which is not recovered shall not be deferred. For purposes of this section, the Gas Utility's rate of return on common equity shall be calculated by dividing the Gas Utility's regulated jurisdictional net income for the Annual Period by the Gas Utility's average 13 month common equity balance for such Annual Period. The Gas Utility's regulated jurisdictional net income shall be calculated by subtracting from total net income of the Gas Utility net income derived from clause mechanisms (Green Programs Recovery Charge, Capital Adjustment Charge, etc) that provide for a return on investment outside of base rates.

The total WNC balance at September 30 of the Annual Period shall be divided by the estimated applicable balancing therm sales from the rate schedules subject to this clause for the Annual Period over which this rate will be in effect, multiplied by a factor to adjust for increases in taxes and assessments. The product of this calculation shall be the Weather Normalization Charge. However, the Weather Normalization Charge will at no time exceed three (3%) percent of the then applicable RSG total per therm rate, including RSG-BGSS charges and 63.5464.56% of the Balancing Charge. To the extent that the effect of this rate cap precludes the Company from fully recovering the WNC balance for the Annual Period, the unrecovered balance will be added to the WNC balance used to calculate the weather normalization rate for the next Winter Period. The Weather Normalization Charge, so calculated, will be in effect for the immediately following Annual Period.

III. TRACKING THE OPERATION OF THE WEATHER NORMALIZATION CLAUSE

The revenues billed, or credits applied, net of taxes and assessments, through the application of the Weather Normalization Charge shall be accumulated for each month of the Winter Period when this charge is in effect and applied against the margin revenue excess or deficiency from the immediately preceding Winter Period and any cumulative balances remaining from prior Winter Periods.

The annual filing for the adjustment to the weather normalization charge will be filed by July 1 of each year.

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At the end of the Winter Period during the Annual Period, a calculation shall be made that determines for all months of the Winter Period the level by which margin revenues differed from what would have resulted if normal weather (as determined by reference to the Degree Day Dead Band) occurred. This calculation is made by multiplying the monthly Degree Day Consumption Factor by the difference between Normal Calendar Month Degree Days as adjusted for the Degree Day Dead Band, and Actual Calendar Month Degree Days and, in turn, multiplying the result by the Margin Revenue Factor. To the extent the Actual Calendar Month Degree Days exceeds Normal Calendar Month Degree Days as adjusted for the Degree Day Dead Band, an excess of margin revenues exist. To the extent Actual Calendar Month Degree Days were less than Normal Calendar Month Degree Days as adjusted for the Degree Day Dead Band, a deficiency of marginal revenue exists. The sum of the monthly calculations represents the total revenue excess or deficiency for the Winter Period. If, at the end of the Winter Period of the Annual Period, the degree day variation from normal weather is less than the Degree Day Dead Band, the weather normalization clause will not be in effect.

The WNC shall not operate to permit the Company to recover any portion of a margin revenue deficiency that will cause the Gas Utility to earn in excess of its allowed rate of return on common equity of 10.3% for the Annual Period; any portion which is not recovered shall not be deferred. For purposes of this section, the Gas Utility's rate of return on common equity shall be calculated by dividing the Gas Utility's regulated jurisdictional net income for the Annual Period by the Gas Utility's average 13 month common equity balance for such Annual Period. The Gas Utility's regulated jurisdictional net income shall be calculated by subtracting from total net income of the Gas Utility net income derived from clause mechanisms (Green Programs Recovery Charge, Capital Adjustment Charge, etc) that provide for a return on investment outside of base rates.

The total WNC balance at September 30 of the Annual Period shall be divided by the estimated applicable balancing therm sales from the rate schedules subject to this clause for the Annual Period over which this rate will be in effect, multiplied by a factor to adjust for increases in taxes and assessments. The product of this calculation shall be the Weather Normalization Charge. However, the Weather Normalization Charge will at no time exceed three (3%) percent of the then applicable RSG total per therm rate, including RSG-BGSS charges and 64.56% of the Balancing Charge. To the extent that the effect of this rate cap precludes the Company from fully recovering the WNC balance for the Annual Period, the unrecovered balance will be added to the WNC balance used to calculate the weather normalization rate for the next Winter Period. The Weather Normalization Charge, so calculated, will be in effect for the immediately following Annual Period.

III. TRACKING THE OPERATION OF THE WEATHER NORMALIZATION CLAUSE

The revenues billed, or credits applied, net of taxes and assessments, through the application of the Weather Normalization Charge shall be accumulated for each month of the Winter Period when this charge is in effect and applied against the margin revenue excess or deficiency from the immediately preceding Winter Period and any cumulative balances remaining from prior Winter Periods.

The annual filing for the adjustment to the weather normalization charge will be filed by July 1 of each year.

Date of Issue: