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Secretary of the Board of Public Utilities
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ATTN: Secretary Aida Camacho-Welch

**Re: In the Matter of the Petition of Public Service Electric and Gas Company for
Approval of The Second Energy Strong Program (Energy Strong II) BPU Docket
Nos.: EO18060629 and GO18060630**

Dear Secretary Camacho-Welch:

Maher Terminals LLC is aware that PSE&G has submitted a plan to invest over \$2.5 billion over the next five years into the regions energy utility infrastructure.

Maher Terminals and the port in general is heavily reliant on PSE&G for its electric and natural gas services. All intermodal and marine transportation services at the port would come to a halt, if we were to lose electric power for any extended period of time. This would have a cascading and crippling effect on the State and Regional economy as well as cause significant disruptions to the marine shipping industry.

The Energy Strong program which has already made vast improvements to harden the region against the increasing threats of extreme storms and rising sea levels, is vital to the port. As we all experienced in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy and in subsequent severe storms, the strengthening and hardening our regions utility infrastructure must remain a high priority.

Maher is fully supportive of PSE&G's proposed plan to continue its investment in our regions infrastructure and specifically the Port's infrastructure.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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