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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:

Stavola Asphalt is aware that PSE&G has submitted a plan to invest over \$2.5 billion over the next five years into the regional energy utility infrastructure. The proposed program known as Energy Strong, Phase 2 will expand upon recent improvements so as to provide greater resiliency and reliability in the regions electric and natural gas utility services.

Stavola is heavily reliant on PSE&G for its electric and even more reliant on natural gas service. Our company has several asphalt plant locations in its service territory and therefore support the effort of PSE&G providing a loop of its two largest gas pipeline carriers for redundancy and more capacity in its gas delivery system. However, Stavola would like to be on record this work should be done with the lowest possible impact to all customers' gas rates for the 5 year period of recovery charges being proposed.

The continuation of the Energy Strong program which has already made vast improvements to harden the region against the increasing threats of extreme storms and the strengthening and hardening our regions utility infrastructure must remain a high priority.

Stavola is fully supportive of PSE&G's proposed plan to continue its investment in our regional infrastructure with the least impact possible to customer's rates.

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

Sincerely,

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cc: Mike Kowal, PSE&G Customer Advisor to Stavola

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