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TRENTON, NJ Secretary of the Board of Public Utilities

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ATTN: Secretary Aida Camacho-Welch

Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350

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:

Deborah Heart and Lung Center 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. 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.

Deborah Heart and Lung Center is heavily reliant on PSE&G for its natural gas services. The events surrounding Superstorm Sandy demonstrated that hospitals are relied upon as islands of refuge during natural disasters. Deborah did in fact participate in sheltering the displaced during the storm. The Energy Strong program will improve the sustainability of facilities such as ours during times of need, and the strengthening and hardening our region's utility infrastructure must remain a high priority.

Deborah Heart and Lung Center is fully supportive of PSE&G's proposed plan to continue its investment in our region's infrastructure. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely.

JOSEPH CHIRICHELLA

President and CEO

cc: Robert Foster, PSE&G Account Manager D. KOCque-Rossaine, Bg. M. Lupo, Esq.