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

December 6, 2018

**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:

The County of Bergen 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.

Bergen County is heavily reliant on PSE&G for its electric and natural gas services throughout the County, specifically at our most critical facilities that house First Responders, Office of Emergency Management, etc. and more specifically our Hospitals. In particular, Bergen New Bridge Medical Center's infrastructure which will be 103 years old come March of 2019.

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 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.

Bergen County is fully supportive of PSE&G's proposed plan to continue its investment in our regions infrastructure.

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

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Sincerely,
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cc: John Shertel, PSE&G Account Manager