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Honorable Aida Camacho-Welch, Secretary
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**Re: I/M/O the Verified Petition of Jersey Central Power & Light
Company for Authorization to Revise: the Statistical Sampling
Aspects of Its Electric Meter Testing Program Pursuant to N.J.A.C.
14:5-4.2, and the Form of Quarterly Reporting of Meter Test Results
Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:3-4.7
BPU Docket No. EO18101187**

**I/M/O the Petition of Atlantic City Electric Company to Revise and
Update its Electric Meter Selective Sampling Program Pursuant to
N.J.A.C. 14:5-4.2, and the Form of Quarterly Reporting of Meter
Test Results Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:3-7
BPU Docket No. EO18101189**

**I/M/O the Joint Petition of Public Service Electric and Gas Company
for Approval of an Electric Meter Selective Sampling Program
BPU Docket No. EO18101159**

**I/M/O the Meter Sampling Plan of Rockland Electric Company
BPU Docket No. ~~EO18101188~~**

EO18101188

Dear Secretary Camacho-Welch:

Please accept this letter (original and 10 copies) setting forth the position of the Division of the Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel") in the above-referenced matters. The regulated Electric Distribution Companies ("EDC") seek approval by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("BPU" or "the Board") to revise their statistical sampling meter testing

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programs and provide for a new proposed quarterly and annual reporting format for reporting meter test results.

According to the various petitions, Board Staff engaged the EDCs in informal discussions to review the EDCs electric meter selective sampling program given the advancements in meter and meter technologies and in light of the current reporting requirements. As set forth in the various petitions, the EDCs are currently operating under programs approved by the Board in the mid-1990s. As a result of the discussions between the EDCs and Board Staff it was determined that: 1) each EDC would update their electric meter test program to reflect current metering technology; 2) standardize the program to the extent possible; and, 3) implement the program consistent with the applicable American National Standards Institute ("ANSI") standards.

Rate Counsel appreciates Board Staff's efforts to recognize the evolution of meter technology and the potential for efficiency in the application of uniform standards.

In response to Rate Counsel discovery the EDCs indicated that if the Board approves the proposed change to the electric meter test program the result would either be no net annual change in cost or would reduce compliance costs to ratepayers. Consequently, Rate Counsel has no objection to the EDC petitions.

Respectfully submitted,

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