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New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
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Re: **IN THE MATTER OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH
OF FAIR HAVEN, MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT
WITH NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY: RESOLUTION
NO. 2019-60**

BPU DOCKET NO. *GE20020167*

Dear Secretary Camacho-Welch:

Enclosed for filing please find an original and ten (10) copies of a Petition of New Jersey Natural Gas Company ("NJNG") in the referenced matter. Copies of the petition are being served upon the persons listed on the attached service list.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this filing by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning same in the self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Respectfully submitted,

NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY

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By: 
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**NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY PETITION
FOR AUTHORIZATION AND APPROVAL OF A
MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE IN THE BOROUGH OF
FAIR HAVEN, MONMOUTH COUNTY**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF
NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY
FOR APPROVAL OF A MUNICIPAL
FRANCHISE IN THE BOROUGH OF
FAIR HAVEN, MONMOUTH COUNTY**

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PETITION

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TO:

**THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

New Jersey Natural Gas Company ("NJNG" or the "Company"), hereby petitions the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("BPU" or "Board") pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 48:2-14 and *N.J.A.C.* 14:1-5.5 to approve the franchise granted by the Borough of Fair Haven, Monmouth County, New Jersey through Resolution No. 2019-60. In support of its petition, NJNG states the following:

1. Communications and correspondence relating to this Petition should be sent to:

Mark G. Kahrer, Vice President - Regulatory Affairs
Andrew K. Dembia, Esq., Regulatory Affairs Counsel
New Jersey Natural Gas Company
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(732) 938-1073 (A. Dembia)
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2. NJNG is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey and is a public utility engaged in the distribution and transportation of natural gas subject to the jurisdiction of the Board. The Company's principal place of business is located at 1415 Wyckoff Road, Wall, New Jersey 07719. NJNG distributes natural gas and provides transportation service at retail to over half a million residential, commercial and industrial customers in Monmouth, Ocean, Morris, Middlesex and Burlington counties.

3. Attached hereto in support of this petition are the following exhibits:
 - Exhibit A: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY
Resolution No. 2019-60
 - Exhibit B: Letter Accepting Terms and Conditions of the Resolution
 - Exhibit C: Proposed Notice of Municipal Consent Hearing
4. NJNG is currently providing natural gas service within the Borough of Fair Haven in Monmouth County.
5. NJNG's current franchise with the Borough of Fair Haven expired on March 24, 2019. On March 11, 2019, the Borough of Fair Haven, by Resolution, renewed NJNG's franchise for a period of fifty (50) years. A copy of the Resolution (to be effective upon approval of the Board) is attached hereto as Exhibit A to this petition. By letter to the Borough of Fair Haven, dated March 14, 2019, NJNG accepted and agreed to the terms and conditions of such Resolution pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 48:3-16*, which acceptance letter is attached as Exhibit B to this petition. A proposed Notice of Municipal Consent hearing is attached to this petition as Exhibit C. A copy of this petition also has been served on Allyson M. Cinquegrana, RMC/CMR, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Fair Haven.
6. *N.J.S.A. 48:2-14* requires Board approval of a franchise granted by a municipality to a public utility subject to the Board's jurisdiction. The franchise, which is the subject matter of this petition, complies with all statutory and administrative requirements necessary for its approval. The Board's approval of the franchise is necessary and proper for the public convenience and properly conserves the public interests.

WHEREFORE, New Jersey Natural Gas Company respectfully requests that the Board grant the following:

- (1) Approve the franchise granted to New Jersey Natural Gas Company by the Borough of Fair Haven through Resolution No. 2019-60; and
- (2) Provide any other relief deemed just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Andrew K. Dembia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andrew" and last name "Dembia" clearly legible.

By:

Andrew K. Dembia, Esq.

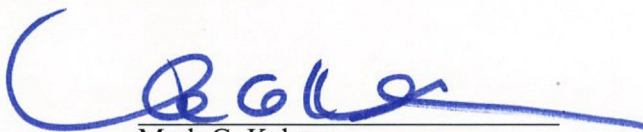
Dated: 2/24/20

VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEW JERSEY)
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH)

MARK G. KAHRER, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am Vice President, Regulatory Affairs for New Jersey Natural Gas Company located at 1415 Wyckoff Road, Wall, New Jersey 07719.
2. I have read the foregoing Petition, know the contents thereof, and the same is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.



Mark G. Kahrer
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs

Sworn to before me this 24th day
of February, 2020

