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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Honorable Aida Camacho-Welch, Secretary
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
44 South Clinton Ave, 9th Floor
P.O. Box 350
Trenton, NJ 08625-0350

Re: **IN THE MATTER OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF HAZLET, MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT
WITH NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY: RESOLUTION
NO. R-136**

BPU DOCKET NO. *GE 20020153*

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

*CMS
Legal
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ENERGY(S)-TDC
S. PETERSON*

By:

Andrew K. Dembia, Esq.

AKD:sf

cc: Service List

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)	PETITION
NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY)	
FOR APPROVAL OF A MUNICIPAL)	BPU DOCKET NO.
FRANCHISE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF)	
HAZLET, MONMOUTH COUNTY)	
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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 Township of Hazlet, Monmouth County, New Jersey through Resolution No. R-136. 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
1415 Wyckoff Road, P.O. Box 1464
Wall, New Jersey 07719
(732) 938-1214 (M. Kahrer)
(732) 938-1073 (A. Dembia)
MKahrer@njng.com
ADembia@njng.com

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. R-136

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 Township of Hazlet in Monmouth County.

5. NJNG's current franchise with the Township of Hazlet expired on June 4, 2019. On May 21, 2019, the Township of Hazlet, 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 Township of Hazlet, dated June 24, 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 Evelyn A. Grandi, RMC, CMR, Municipal Clerk, Deputy Registrar of the Township of Hazlet.

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 Township of Hazlet through Resolution No. R-136; and
- (2) Provide any other relief deemed just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY



By:

Andrew K. Dembia, Esq.

Dated: 2/19/20

VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEW JERSEY)
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH)

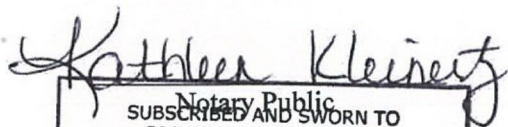
MARK G. KAHRER, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

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 19th day
of February, 2020



Notary Public
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO
BEFORE ME ON THIS DAY

FEB 19 2020

KATHLEEN KLEINERTZ
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 08/30/2021

