

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

In the Matter of the Implementation of L. 2018,)
c.16 Regarding the Establishment of a Zero) BPU Docket No. E018080899
Emission Certificate Program for Eligible Nuclear)
Power Plants)

**MOTION TO PARTICIPATE OF
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY**

Public Service Electric and Gas Company (“PSE&G”) hereby moves to participate in the above-captioned proceedings. In support of whereof, PSE&G states as follows:

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2. On May 23, 2018, Governor Murphy signed into law 2018, c. 16, (the “Act”) which, among other things, requires the Board to create a Zero Emission Certificate (“ZEC”) program and determine which nuclear energy generators will be eligible to receive ZEC payments under the program. The Act requires the Board to convene several separate proceedings to establish the ZEC program, develop an application process to determine the eligibility of applicant nuclear plants to obtain ZECs, certify and rank eligible nuclear plants in order to receive ZECs, and establish a mechanism for the New Jersey electric distribution companies to purchase ZECs from the selected nuclear plants. The Act requires each New Jersey electric distribution company to file a tariff to recover the \$0.004/kwh non-bypassable ZEC charge from its retail distribution customers.

3. Pursuant to its May 20, 2020 and August 12, 2020 orders, the Board implemented a process for the second ZEC eligibility period. Pursuant to its August 12, 2020 Order Establishing the Application Process for the Second Eligibility Period and Approving Request for Quotation, the Board directed all persons or entities who seek access to information submitted on a confidential basis under these proceedings to file those requests by August 26, 2020.

4. PSE&G is an electric distribution company subject to the requirements of the Act to file a tariff as described herein, and has an interest in expressing its views about the value of the Act and the potential benefits of the applicant nuclear facilities to its customers. As a result, it has a significant interest in the outcome of the case. Further, as indicated by its August 19, 2020 Notice of Intent to File Applications in this matter, PSEG Nuclear LLC, a wholly owned direct subsidiary of PSEG Power, intends to file an application for the receipt of ZECs for the three nuclear units it operates at its Hope Creek and Salem plant sites.

5. N.J.A.C. 1:1-16.6 provides that “[a]ny person or entity with a significant interest in the outcome of a case may move for permission to participate.” Given PSE&G’s significant interests, it satisfies this requirement for participation. In addition, PSE&G’s participation will add constructively to these proceedings and not cause undue delay or confusion.

6. Moreover, for the first ZEC eligibility period, the Board issued its Order on Motions to Intervene or Participate, dated November 19, 2018, in which the Board granted PSE&G participation status. Specifically, the Board concluded that PSE&G’s “interest in implementation of the Act in a fair and reasonable manner, as well as its interest in expressing its views about the value of the Act to PSE&G customers[,] may be deemed significant interests.” The Board also concluded that “PSE&G may add constructively to this proceeding without causing undue delay or confusion.” For the same reasons expressed in the Board’s prior Order, PSE&G respectfully requests that it be granted participation status in these proceedings as well.

7. WHEREFORE, pursuant to the Act and N.J.A.C. 1:1-16.6, PSE&G respectfully requests that (i) it be permitted to participate in these proceedings; and (ii) the Board grant the relief requested, and any other and further relief deemed appropriate in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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