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ENERGY & CLEAN ENERGY

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ATLANTIC CITY)	ORDER ON MOTION TO
ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A)	MODIFY THE PROCEDURAL
VOLUNTARY PROGRAM FOR PLUG-IN VEHICLE)	SCHEDULE
CHARGING)	
	ĺ	DOCKET NO. FO18020190

Parties of Record:

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BY COMMISSIONER UPENDRA J. CHIVUKULA:

By this Order, I modify the procedural schedule issued on September 9, 2020.

I. <u>BACKGROUND</u>

On February 23, 2018, Atlantic City Electric Company ("ACE" or "Company") filed a petition ("PIV Petition") with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board" or "BPU") for approval of a Voluntary Program for Plug-In Vehicle ("PIV") Charging ("PIV Program").

By Board Order dated March 26, 2018, the Board determined that the PIV Petition should be retained by the Board for hearing and, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-32, designated myself as the presiding officer authorized to rule on all motions that arise during the pendency of these proceedings and modify any schedules that may be set as necessary to secure a just and expeditious determination of the issues. The March 2018 Order further directed that any entities seeking to intervene or participate in this matter file the appropriate application with the Board by April 13, 2018.¹

¹ In re Petition of Atlantic City Electric Company for Approval of a Voluntary Program for Plug-In Vehicle Charging, BPU Docket No. EO18020190, Order dated March 26, 2018 ("March 2018 Order").

On April 6, 2018, the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel") filed a motion with the Board to stay ACE's PIV Petition.

On December 17, 2019, ACE filed an amended petition ("Amended Petition"), proposing 13 "offerings" designed to accelerate PIV adoption in New Jersey. The Amended Petition proposes a multi-year, \$42.107 million-dollar PIV program that aims to incentivize off-peak charging of PIVs, develop PIV infrastructure, provide grants to foster innovation in electrifying the transportation sector, and support for electrifying school buses.

On April 9, 2020, I issued a Prehearing Order ("April 2020 Prehearing Order"), wherein a procedural schedule was set where motions were due March 13, 2020. The following motions to intervene were granted: the Natural Resources Defense Council ("NRDC"), Charge Point, Inc. ("ChargePoint") and Greenlots, Inc. ("Greenlots"). The following motions to participate were granted: Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G") and Jersey Central Power & Light Company ("JCP&L"). The April 2020 Prehearing Order also provided that Rate Counsel's stay motion had been deemed denied by the operation of N.J.A.C. 14:1-8.7(c), and I also denied the stay motion. On May 13, 2020, I subsequently granted Tesla, Inc. ("Tesla") Motion for Reconsideration of Intervenor status.

On or about April 13, 2020, Rate Counsel filed a motion to dismiss a portion of ACE's Amended Petition. On or about May 4, 2020 ACE filed an opposition to Rate Counsel's motion which was joined by interveners, Greenlots and NRDC. On or about May 18, 2020 Rate Counsel filed a reply to ACE's opposition.

On May 4, 2020, the Eastern Environmental Law Center ("EELC"), representing NRDC filed a supplemental Motion to Intervene to add Environment New Jersey ("ENJ"), Sierra Club, Tri-State Transportation Company ("TSTC"), Work Environment Council of New Jersey ("WEC"), GreenFaith, Inc. ("GreenFaith"), and Isles, Inc. ("Isles) (hereinafter referred to as "Movants") as interveners in this matter. On June 2, 2020, I granted the motions for intervention of Movants and EvGo.

On June 10, 2020, I issued an order ("June 2020 Amended Procedural Schedule Order"), modifying the procedural schedule originally set forth in the April 2020 Prehearing Order. The June 2020 Amended Procedural Schedule Order provided the bar date for motions to intervene and participate as March 13, 2020, the first round of discovery requests to be propounded by June 24, 2020, and a second discovery round due on July 27, 2020.

By order dated June 26, 2020, Rate Counsel's motion to dismiss was denied and the parties were ordered to continue moving through the procedural schedule as set forth in the June 2020 Amended Procedural Schedule Order.

On July 13, 2020, I granted the Alliance for Transportation Electrification's ("Alliance") Motion to Participate.

On September 9, 2020, I issued an order ("September 2020 Amended Procedural Schedule Order") granting Electrify America, LLC's ("Electrify America") motion to intervene and modifying the procedural schedule.

II. ACE MOTION FOR A MODIFICATION TO THE PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On October 13, 2020, ACE filed a motion for a modification of the procedural schedule, set forth in the September 2020 Amended Procedural Schedule Order ("ACE Motion for Procedural Schedule Modification"). ACE provided notice that it intended to substitute an expert witness. Further, the motion stated that ACE wishes to allow "for greater opportunity for meaningful and continued settlement discussions."

III. DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

ACE's Motion to Modify the Procedural Schedule to allow for additional time in light of the expert witness substitution and to allow for more time for settlement discussion is reasonable in the interest of developing a complete record. Having been granted the authority to amend the schedules within this proceeding by the Board, and after consideration of ACE's Motion for Procedural Schedule Modification, finding the request meritorious, I <u>HEREBY AMEND</u> the procedural schedule set forth in the September 2020 Amended Procedural Schedule Order and <u>HEREBY ISSUE</u> the following modified procedural schedule (Exhibit A). I <u>HEREBY DIRECT</u> all parties to comply with its terms

I **HEREBY DIRECT** that this Order be posted on the Board's website.

This provisional ruling is subject to ratification or other alteration by the Board as it deems appropriate during the proceedings in this matter.

DATED: October 15, 2020 BY:

UPENDRA J. CHIVUKULA

COMMISSIONER

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EXHIBIT A

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Amended Procedural Schedule

Bar Date – Pending Motions to Intervene	March 13, 2020
Motion for Interventions Decision	March 20, 2020
Motions Filed by any Party	April 13, 2020
Opposition to Motions filed	May 4, 2020
Reply to Opposition Motions Filed	May 18, 2020
First round discovery requests propounded	June 24, 2020
Decision on Motions	June 26, 2020
First round discovery responses	July 9, 2020
Discovery Settlement Conference	Week of July 20, 2020
Second round discovery requests propounded	July 27, 2020
Second Round responses	August 11, 2020
Discovery/Settlement Conference	August 17, 2020
Rate Counsel/Intervenor Direct Testimony Due	September 18, 2020
Discovery propounded on Rate Counsel/Intervenors Direct Testimony	September 25, 2020
Responses to Discovery on Testimony	October 7, 2020
Rebuttal Testimony filed by parties as appropriate	October 19, 2020
Discovery Requests propounded on Rebuttal Testimony	October 26, 2020
Public Hearings (2)	TBA
Responses to discovery requests on Rebuttal Testimony	November 4, 2020
Settlement conference, if necessary	November 4,5 and 6, 2020
Evidentiary Hearings, with oral surrebuttal	November 12 and 13, 2020
Initial Briefs Due	TBD by Commissioner at evidentiary hearings