



October 6, 2020

Via Email

Aida Camacho-Welch
Board Secretary
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**Re: In the Matter of the Petition of Public Service Electric and Gas Company for Approval of its Clean Energy Future - Energy Cloud (“CEF-EC”) Program on a Regulated Basis
BPU Docket No. EO18101115**

Dear Secretary Camacho-Welch:

New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. (“New Jersey-American Water”) hereby submits the following comments in support of Public Service Electric and Gas Company’s (“PSE&G’s”) petition in the above-referenced matter. New Jersey-American Water has been providing high-quality, reliable water and/or wastewater services to 2.8 million people statewide for more than a century in 220 communities in 18 counties throughout the state, and is a large commercial customer of PSE&G. These comments are offered in support of the role that utilities play in implementation of the state’s clean energy goals with filings such as PSE&G’s “Clean Energy Future – Energy Cloud” proposal.

New Jersey-American Water’s team of experts regularly monitors, maintains and upgrades the Company’s facilities so the Company can continue to provide high-quality, reliable service to our customers that meets or surpasses regulatory standards, and do so efficiently. This requires investing millions of dollars each year in our infrastructure, including treatment plants, tanks, pump stations, pipes, fire hydrants and metering equipment. We do this because we care about our customers as much as we care about water. PSE&G’s “Energy Cloud” proposal supports this changing and upgraded infrastructure and compliments the Company’s ongoing efforts to optimize its operations. The installation of smart meters provides usage data that can help us become more energy efficient and ultimately, lower or mitigate increases to our energy bills.

As a regulated utility company, our costs are passed through to our customers on their bills. It is critical that we look for opportunities to improve efficiency as a business and as



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a commitment to our customers. Real-time data and information from the Energy Cloud will help us continue to do that. As PSE&G points out, the Energy Cloud proposal also enhances system reliability and communications, which is critical during extreme weather events and will help us plan accordingly. These are benefits we would receive following the approval of the Energy Cloud proposal and those are valuable and tangible successes that would be realized with the implementation of an integrated automated metering system.

Accordingly, New Jersey-American Water submits this letter in support of PSE&G's "Clean Energy Future – Energy Cloud" filing.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brett P. Bower".

Brett Bower
Energy Manager

