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ENERGY

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF PUBLIC)
SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY FOR)
APPROVAL OF ITS CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE-)
ENERGY CLOUD ("CEF-EC") ON A REGULATED)
BASIS) DOCKET NO. EO18101115

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BY COMMISSIONER MARY-ANNA HOLDEN:

I. BACKGROUND

On October 11, 2018, Public Service Gas and Electric Company ("PSE&G" or "Company") filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board" or "BPU") seeking approval of its Clean Energy Future – Energy Cloud ("CEF-EC") program on a regulated basis ("EC-AMI Petition"). In the EC-AMI Petition, the Company requested Board approval to implement a five (5) year program, with an estimated investment of approximately \$721 million, plus operation and maintenance ("O&M") costs of \$73 million, to implement Advanced Metering Infrastructure ("AMI") throughout PSE&G's electric service territory.¹

By order dated October 29, 2018, the Board determined that the EC-AMI Petition should be retained by the Board for hearing and, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-32, designated myself as presiding officer authorized to rule on all motions that may arise, set and enforce a schedule, and

¹ PSE&G is not seeking to install AMI in its gas service territory at this time.

modify any schedules, as necessary, to ensure a just and expeditious determination of the issues.²

On April 1, 2020, I entered a Prehearing Order in this matter ruling on Motions to Intervene, Motions to Participate, Motions for Admission Pro Hac Vice, and setting a Procedural Schedule.³ I entered subsequent Prehearing Orders, however, the April 1, 2020 Procedural Schedule remained in full force and effect.⁴

In preparation for Evidentiary Hearings, a Prehearing Conference was held on November 16, 2020, and on November 18, 2020, I issued a Prehearing Order outlining various directions, procedures, and deadlines pertaining to the Evidentiary Hearings.⁵

II. DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

On November 19, 2020, the parties engaged in settlement negotiations, and as a result, consented to the suspension of the Evidentiary Hearings scheduled for November 30th, December 1, 3rd and 4th to allow negotiations to continue. Accordingly, I **HEREBY SUSPEND** the Evidentiary Hearings in this matter and the deadlines for the submission of documents as set forth in my November 18th Prehearing Order. Additionally, I **HEREBY SUSPEND** the Procedural Schedule in this matter until otherwise instructed by Order.

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: November 20, 2020

BY:



MARY-ANNA HOLDEN
COMMISSIONER

² In re the Petition of Public Service Gas and Electric Company for Approval of its Clean Energy Future-Cloud ("CEF-EC") Program on a Regulated Basis, Order Designating a Commissioner, Setting A Bar Date and Manner of Service, BPU Docket No. EO1810115, Order dated October 29, 2018.

³ In re the Petition of Public Service Gas and Electric Company for Approval of its Clean Energy Future-Cloud ("CEF-EC") Program on a Regulated Basis, Prehearing Order with Procedural Schedule and Order on Motions to Intervene or Participate and for Admission Pro Hac Vice, BPU Docket No. EO1810115, Order dated April 1, 2020.

⁴ In re the Petition of Public Service Gas and Electric Company for Approval of its Clean Energy Future-Cloud ("CEF-EC") Program on a Regulated Basis, Order on Motion for Reconsideration; Motions to Intervene and Participate; and Removal of Admission Pro Hac Vice, BPU Docket No. EO1810115, Order dated June 5, 2020 at pp. 8-9; See also In re the Petition of Public Service Gas and Electric Company for Approval of its Clean Energy Future-Cloud ("CEF-EC") Program on a Regulated Basis, Motion to Intervene/Participate and Prehearing Order, BPU Docket No. EO1810115, Order dated November 18, 2020 at pp.3-4 ("November 18th Prehearing Order").

⁵ See November 18th Prehearing Order.

**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**

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