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Via Electronic Mail

Hon. Joseph L. Fiordaliso, President
Board of Public Utilities
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**Re: In the Matter of the Application of PSEG Nuclear LLC and
Exelon Generation Company, LLC for the Zero Emission
Certificate - Salem Unit 1, Salem Unit 2 and Hope Creek Unit
BPU Docket Nos. ER20080557, ER20080558, ER20080559**

Rate Counsel's Renewed Request for Prehearing Conference

Dear President Fiordaliso:

Please accept for filing this renewed request on behalf of the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel") that a prehearing conference be convened in the above-referenced matter. In accordance with the order issued by the Board of Public Utilities ("Board") on March 19, 2020 in its COVID-19 proceeding, BPU Docket No. EO20030254, this letter is being submitted by electronic mail only.

On December 7, 2021 Rate Counsel submitted correspondence requesting that a prehearing conference be convened in this matter in this matter to provide the parties with clarification concerning the procedural orders issued by Your Honor in these matters on September 10, 2020. Applicants PSEG Nuclear and Exelon Generating, LLC submitted correspondence in support of Rate Counsel's request on December 14, 2020.

Although the updated scheduling Orders issued by Your Honor on December 18, 2020 provided clarification as to some issues, Rate Counsel continues to believe that a prehearing conference would be useful. A prehearing conference would facilitate the setting of specific dates and times for the evidentiary hearings. It would also be useful to provide the parties with guidance as to the procedures that will be followed. Your Honor's December 18, 2020 scheduling Orders provide that the evidentiary hearings are being held to provide an opportunity for the Presiding Officer and the other Commissioners to ask questions of the witnesses. Thus, the hearings in this matter will differ from the typical evidentiary hearings in which attorneys for the parties present and question the evidence and witnesses. Rate Counsel would like to assure that it is prepared to meet Your Honor's and the other Commissioners' expectations for these atypical evidentiary hearings. A prehearing conference would assist Rate Counsel and the other parties in this endeavor. Rate Counsel appreciates your consideration and attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Stefanie A. Brand
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