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Hon. Aida Camacho-Welch, Board Secretary
Board of Public Utilities
44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor
P.O. Box 350
Trenton, NJ 08625-0350

RE: In the Matter of The Application of PSEG Nuclear, LLC and Exelon Generation Company, LLC for the Zero Emission Certificate Program - Salem Unit 1

In the Matter of The Application of PSEG Nuclear, LLC and Exelon Generation Company, LLC for the Zero Emission Certificate Program - Salem Unit 2

In the Matter of The Application of PSEG Nuclear, LLC for the Zero Emission Certificate Program – Hope Creek

BPU Docket Nos. ER20080557, ER20080558, & ER20080559

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 for a renewal of ZECs for their Hope Creek and Salem Nuclear Plants.

New Jersey-American Water provides high-quality, reliable water and/or wastewater services to 2.8 million people 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 inter-dependent role that utilities play in providing reliable services to the state’s energy and water customers and the belief that PSE&G’s applications to continue the Zero Emission Certificate (ZEC) Program are in support of this goal.

New Jersey-American Water regularly monitors, maintains and upgrades the Company’s facilities to continue to provide high-quality, reliable service to our customers that meets or surpasses regulatory standards, and does 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. Reliable energy delivery service from the utilities that serve our facilities is key to maintaining the reliability of our system and our high level of customer service. If by maintaining the nuclear generation as a part of the state’s generation mix is important to electric grid integrity, PSE&G’s application to continue the ZEC program and subsequent continued operation of its nuclear facilities is supportive of our goals of maintaining reliable water and wastewater services and



maintaining the resiliency for their Hope Creek and Salem Nuclear Plants to support our facility operations.

This program is important as nuclear energy will help achieve the state's carbon-free energy targets and the availability of diverse energy sources supports the resiliency and reliability of energy systems, and as a result, our water and wastewater systems. It is also in line with New Jersey American Water's energy and emissions reduction target and the ability to diversify our energy as well. In addition, the costs of the ZEC program are already being paid by New Jersey-American Water and the continuation of the program should not add to the cost of serving our customers.

Accordingly, New Jersey-American Water submits this letter in support of PSE&G's applications to continue the ZEC program.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Shroba", is written over a light gray circular stamp.

Thomas Shroba
Vice President, Operations

