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VIA E-MAIL

Aida Camacho-Welch, Secretary
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Re In the Matter of the Petition of New Jersey Natural Gas Company For Approval of an Increase in Gas Base Rates and for Changes in its Tariff for Gas Service, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.1; and for Changes to Depreciation Rates for Gas Property Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-18 BPU Docket No. GR21030679

Dear Secretary Camacho-Welch:

Attached, please find Public Service Electric and Gas Company's ("PSE&G") Motion to Participate in the above-captioned proceeding.

By copy of this letter, copies of the motion are being forwarded on this date via electronic mail to all persons whose name appears on the attached Service List.

Consistent with the Order issued by the Board in connection with In the Matter of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic for a Temporary Waiver of Requirements for Certain Non-Essential Obligations, BPU Docket No. EO20030254, Order dated March 19, 2020, this document is being filed electronically with the Secretary of the Board and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel. No paper copies will follow.

Very truly yours,

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C Attached Service List (E-Mail Only)

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

In the Matter of the Petition of New Jersey :
Natural Gas Company for Approval of an :
Increase in Bas Base Rates and for Changes in : **BPU DKT. No. GR21030679**
Its Tariff for Gas Service, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. :
48:2-21 and N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.1 and for Changes :
To Depreciation Rates for Gas Property :
Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-18 :

PSE&G’S MOTION TO PARTICIPATE

Public Service Electric and Gas Company (“PSE&G”) hereby moves for an Order granting it status as a Participant in the above-referenced matter pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 1:1-16.6. In support of this motion, PSE&G respectfully submits:

1. PSE&G is a New Jersey public utility as defined by N.J.S.A. 48:2-13.
2. PSE&G is engaged in the purchase, distribution, and sale of natural gas for more than 1,800,000 customers located within the State of New Jersey.
3. Copies of all correspondence and other communications relating to this proceeding should be addressed to:

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4. The Board of Public Utility's decision in this proceeding is likely to have precedential effect and impact not only the Petitioner herein and its customers, but also New Jersey's other utilities. The issues that will be addressed in this rate case may have an impact on PSE&G by establishing precedent. PSE&G will therefore likely be directly and specifically affected by the relief provided herein.

5. The service territories, customers, and the operations of PSE&G are distinct from those of other parties and participants in this case. Thus, no other party or participant will represent the interests of PSE&G in this case.

6. PSE&G has a history of coordinating its activities in dockets at the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities with those of other utilities where appropriate. PSE&G will coordinate its representation with other similarly-situated parties or participants in this docket to the extent appropriate.

7. Due to PSE&G's experience in the gas industry, its participation in this proceeding is likely to add constructively to the proceeding.

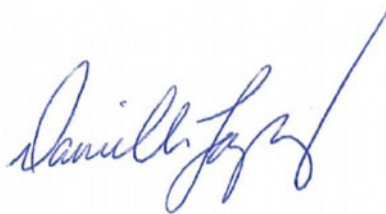
8. PSE&G will abide by the schedule set for this proceeding, to the extent one has been entered.

9. The granting of this Motion will not cause undue delay or confusion.

WHEREFORE, PSE&G respectfully requests an Order: (1) granting it rights as a Participant in this matter pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 1:1-16.6, and (2) providing such further relief in connection therewith as is deemed reasonable, just, and consistent with the foregoing.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY

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