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**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PSEG NUCLEAR, LLC AND EXELON
GENERATION COMPANY, LLC FOR THE ZERO EMISSION CERTIFICATE PROGRAM for:
SALEM UNIT 1, SALEM UNIT 2 and HOPE CREEK**

Public Hearings

BPU Docket Nos. ER20080557, ER20080558, & ER20080559

Thank you, President Fiordaliso, my name is Scott Campbell, and I am the President and Business Manager of Local Union 94, representing approx. 4000 of Public Service Enterprise Group (PSEG) employees from the generation and utility side of the business, as well as Line Clearance workers throughout the state.

I am here today to urge the Board to extend the Zero Emissions Certificate program that has provided a lifeline for our state's nuclear power plants – preserving economic, environmental and energy benefits that far outweigh the costs.

New Jersey's ZECs program provides an economic safety net that ensures New Jersey electric customers do not lose access to nuclear energy – and the many environmental, reliability and economic benefits it provides.

The ZEC program supports New Jersey's largest baseload source of clean, carbon-free energy, which helps preserve the jobs of thousands of skilled workers associated with the Salem and Hope Creek nuclear plants.

Together, Salem and Hope Creek provide a livelihood for 1,600 direct employees. Hundreds of these jobs belong to union men and women, who serve in critical roles at the plant. In addition, twice a year, when a nuclear plant shuts down for refueling and maintenance, as many as 1,000 more contractors are brought in to do this important work. A great many of these workers are union members, as well.

Nuclear energy is an economic workhorse for Salem County and the entire state of New Jersey. And its benefits do not stop there. Nuclear is important for clean air, for a healthy climate, and for the state's reliable, affordable electricity supply.

Consider what it would mean if our nuclear plants were forced to close: Increased air pollution and carbon emissions, weakened fuel diversity and higher utility bills – in addition to the cost of thousands of good-paying jobs and the support they provide for Salem County businesses and communities. These plants provide a \$1.2 billion-a-year boost to New Jersey's economy – supporting approximately 4,500 direct and indirect jobs in the state. The program also keeps cost to customers down

Market conditions are forcing this steady supply of around the clock, reliable generation to shut down across the nation due to low wholesale energy prices. PJM energy prices have further declined since PSEG's last application (2018) creating additional economic pressures on the long-term viability of the plants. Compounding these uncertainties, are market and operational risks that are REAL to these baseload, merchant plants (and need to be accounted for).

Our Salem and Hope Creek nuclear plants are cost efficient and a necessary component to the State's transition to 100 percent clean energy by 2050.

Working together, the combined energy resources of nuclear, solar, and offshore wind can help New Jersey achieve Governor Murphy's target of 100% carbon-free energy by 2050. Without nuclear, however, which today provides 40% of New Jersey's electric supply and 90% of its carbon-free energy, it will be nearly impossible for New Jersey to achieve its ambitious clean energy goals.

The IBEW is eager to continue to work with state and the energy sector on our shared clean energy agenda. We encourage the Board to extend the existing ZEC program for the benefit of everyone in New Jersey. In closing, let us remember the issue on the table here, is the ZEC program, not EDECA vs. ZEC.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott M. Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "C" at the end.

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President/Business Mgr.