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October 15, 2021

## In the Matter of the Petition of Butler Electric for Approval of a Zero Emission Certificate Recovery Charge

### BPU Docket Nos. EO18080899 and EO18091018

### VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Aida Camacho-Welch, Secretary Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor P.O. Box 350 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350

Dear Secretary Camacho-Welch:

Enclosed for filing by Butler Electric (the "Company"), please find the Company's filing in accordance with the Board of Public Utilities' Order in the above referenced Docket dated April 18, 2019.

In the legislation establishing the Zero Emissions Certificate Recovery Charge ("ZECRC") the New Jersey Electric Distribution Companies ("EDCs") were directed to return excess monies in each EDC's separate, interest bearing account to its retail distribution customers at the end of each energy year. In this filing, Butler Electric is proposing to refund the excess collections from Energy year 2021.

The Company is proposing to refund the excess ZECRC collection and corresponding interest over a twelve month period commencing January 1, 2022 via the previously established "Return of Excess Collections Credit Rate ("RECCR"), which is a component of the ZECRC and currently set at -\$0.000149 for 2021. The proposed RECCR is -\$0.000083 per kilowatt-hour (w/o SUT).

This filing includes the following:

- Attachment A Calculation of Return of Excess Collections Credit Rate
- Attachment B Redlined and Final Electric Tariff Sheets
- Attachment C Notice of Filing and Notice of Public Hearings

For Energy Year 2022 and going forward, Company will monitor the ZECRC excess collection balance and as it approaches zero, the Company proposes to file with the Board. Any excess balance remaining at that point will be included in the Company's next RECCR filing. The company is also proposing that if future RECCR adjustments are required, rate changes be handled via compliance filing, as

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the credit will fluctuate between Energy Years. In both situations described above, the Company will make a compliance filing no later than 30 days prior to any change to the RECCR.

Furthermore, as directed by the Board's Order in Docket No. EO20030254, dated March 19, 2020, the Company hereby submits this filing via electronic delivery only to the Board Secretary, and will suspend submitting such filings as paper documents until the Board directs otherwise.

Thank you for your attention and consideration in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this compliance filing, do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

MURPHY McKEON, P.C.

Robert H. Oostdyk, Gr. Robert H. Oostdyk, Jr.

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cc: Service List

### **ATTACHMENT A**

# **Butler Electric Zero Emission Certificate Recovery Charge (ZECRC) Calculation of Refund of Excess Collections Credit Rate (RECCR)**

ZEC Refund Balance for Energy Year 2020 overcollection	\$180.95
Balance for Energy Year 2021 Including Interest through December 2021	-\$8,911.01
Total Refund due Customers	-\$8,730.06
kWh Sales Forecast (January - December 2021)	105,749,921
Calculation of Proposed ZEC Refund Rate (Refund Due/Forecast kWh)	<u>-0.000083</u>
ZEC Rate	
Current as of December 2021	
Charge	0.004000
Return of Excess Collections	<u>-0.000149</u>
Total Charge	0.003851
Proposed as of January 2022	
Charge	0.004000
Return of Excess Collections	-0.000083
Total Charge	0.003917

**EY 2021 Zec Revenue Overcollection Refund** 

		Amount			
Month	kWh	Rate	Refunded	Balance	
Dec-20				\$15,575.79	
Jan-21	9205378	0.000149	\$1,371.60	\$14,204.19	
Feb-21	8889683	0.000149	\$1,324.56	\$12,879.63	
Mar-21	7639701	0.000149	\$1,138.32	\$11,741.31	
Apr-21	7295378	0.000149	\$1,087.01	\$10,654.30	
May-21	6908907	0.000149	\$1,029.43	\$9,624.87	
Jun-21	9547928	0.000149	\$1,422.64	\$8,202.23	
Jul-21	11976697	0.000149	\$1,784.53	\$6,417.70	
Aug-21	11387349	0.000149	\$1,696.71	\$4,720.99	
Sep-21	10349623	0.000149	\$1,542.09	\$3,178.89	
Oct-21	7183375	0.000149	\$1,070.32	\$2,108.57	
Nov-21	7311355	0.000149	\$1,089.39	\$1,019.18	
Dec-21	8054548	0.000149	\$1,200.13	(\$180.95)	

January 2021 - August 2021 kWh are actuals September - December 2021 based on 2020 usage

EY 2021 Zec Revenue Collection with Interest through December 31, 2021

							Cumulative		
			<b>ZEC Paid</b>	Interest	Days in	Month End	Monthly	Interest on	Cumulative
Month	kWh	kWh * \$0.004	Out	Rate	Month	Balance	Interest	Billings	Total
Jun-20	9235768	\$36,943.07		1.25%	30	\$36,943.07	\$37.96	\$37.96	\$36,981.03
Jul-20	12162958	\$48,651.83		1.25%	31	\$85,594.90	\$90.87	\$128.83	\$85,723.73
Aug-20	12700128	\$50,800.51		0.25%	31	\$136,395.41	\$28.96	\$157.79	\$136,553.20
Sep-20	9691300	\$38,765.20		0.25%	30	\$175,160.61	\$35.99	\$193.78	\$175,354.39
Oct-20	7183375	\$28,733.50		0.25%	31	\$203,894.11	\$43.29	\$237.07	\$204,131.18
Nov-20	7311355	\$29,245.42		0.25%	30	\$233,139.53	\$47.91	\$284.98	\$233,424.51
Dec-20	8054548	\$32,218.19		0.25%	31	\$265,357.72	\$56.34	\$341.32	\$265,699.04
Jan-21	9205378	\$36,821.51		0.25%	31	\$302,179.23	\$64.16	\$405.48	\$302,584.71
Feb-21	8889683	\$35,558.73		0.25%	28	\$337,737.96	\$64.77	\$470.25	\$338,208.22
Mar-21	7639701	\$30,558.81		0.25%	31	\$368,296.77	\$78.20	\$548.45	\$368,845.22
Apr-21	7295378	\$29,181.51		0.25%	30	\$397,478.28	\$81.67	\$630.13	\$398,108.41
May-21	6908907	\$27,635.63		0.25%	31	\$425,113.91	\$90.26	\$720.39	\$425,834.30
Jun-20				0.25%	30	\$425,113.91	\$87.35	\$807.74	\$425,921.65
Jul-20				0.25%	31	\$425,113.91	\$90.26	\$898.01	\$426,011.91
Aug-20			\$417,108.71	0.25%	25	\$8,903.21	\$72.79	\$970.80	\$8,976.00
Sep-20				0.25%	30	\$8,903.21	\$1.83	\$2.19	\$8,905.40
Oct-20				0.25%	31	\$8,903.21	\$1.89	\$4.08	\$8,907.29
Nov-20				0.25%	30	\$8,903.21	\$1.83	\$5.91	\$8,909.12
Dec-20				0.25%	31	\$8,903.21	\$1.89	\$7.80	\$8,911.01

### Payment made August 27, 2021

PSERT \$299,881.61 Exelon \$117,227.10 **Total \$417,108.71** 

**TOTAL Amount to be Refunded to Customers** 

\$8,911.01

### **2022** Energy Usage Forecast For Butler Electric

Jan-22	9,205.378	MWH
Feb-22	8,889.683	MWH
Mar-22	7,639.701	MWH
Apr-22	7,295.378	MWH
May-22	6,908.907	MWH
Jun-22	9,547.928	MWH
Jul-22	11,976.697	MWH
Aug-22	11,387.349	MWH
Sep-22	10,349.623	MWH
Oct-22	7,183.375	MWH
Nov-22	7,311.355	MWH
Dec-22	8,054.548	MWH
Total	105,749.921	MWH

Actuals through September 2021.

Oct - Dec 2021 estimate based on 2020 usage

### Attachment B Redlined Version of Tariff

Revised Sheet No. 23

Borough of Butler Electric Utility
BPU No. 1 Electricity
Rate Schedule No. 7
Sales and Use Tax
Zero Emission Certificate Charge

In accordance with P.L. 1997, c. 162, all charges for electricity supplied are subject to the New Jersey Sales and Use Tax ("SUT") as computed by multiplying the charges that would apply before application of the SUT by 0.06625

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities issued a Zero Emission Certificate (ZEC) Charge Order in connection with BPU Docket No. E018080899 and E018091018 authorizing implementation of a non-bypassable, irrevocable charge of .004 dollars per KWH. The ZEC charge reflects the emission avoidance benefits of the continued operation of selected nuclear plants.

Also in accordance with the ZEC Law, the proceeds of the ZEC Charge are placed in a separate, interest-bearing account and will be used solely to purchase ZECs. Refunds will be provided to the customers served under each of the Company's rate schedules in proportion to the ZEC Charge revenues contributed by the rate schedule. The ZEC Reconciliation Charge for the period beginning January 1, 2022 will be -\$0.000083 per kilowatt-hour (w/o SUT).

#### ZERO EMISSION CERTIFICATE RECOVERY CHARGE:

Charge	\$ 0.004000
Return of Excess Collections	
Total Charge	\$ 0.003917
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Charge including New Jersey Sales and Use Tax (SUT)	\$ 0.004176
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The ZEC Charge shall be applied to the KWH usage on the bills of al	l customers

outside of the Borough of Butler served under this schedule.

Issued: Effective for service rendered on or after January 1, 2022

Issued by James P. Lampmann Borough Administrator Butler, New Jersey

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## NOTICE TO BUTLER ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS

### IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF BUTLER ELECTRIC FOR APPROVAL OF A ZERO EMISSION CERTIFICATE RECOVERY CHARGE

### Notice of a Filing and Notice of Public Hearings

#### **BPU Docket No. xxxxxxxx**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, in October 2020, Butler Electric (the "Company") filed with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (the "Board") seeking the Board's approval to refund excess Zero Emissions Certificate Recovery Charge ("ZECRC") collections over a twelve month period commencing January 1, 2021 via the "Return of Excess Collections Credit Rate ("RECCR") for the Energy Year 2019 "stub period" and Energy Year 2020. The Company is proposing a reduction in the RECCR to adjust the refund of excess collections from Energy Year 2021. As a result of this adjustment, the proposed RECCR would increase from (\$0.000149) per kilowatt-hour (w/o SUT) to (\$0.000083) per kilowatt-hour (w/o SUT).

Under the Company's proposal, a typical residential electric customer using 740 kilowatt-hours per month, and 6,920 kilowatt-hours on an annual basis, would see an increase in the annual bill from \$1,101.72 to \$1,102.32, or \$0.60 or approximately 0.05%.

The approximate effect of the proposed changes on typical electric residential monthly bills, if approved by the Board, is illustrated in Table #1.

Any rate adjustments with resulting changes in bill impacts found by the Board to be just and reasonable as the result of the Company's filing may be modified and/or allocated by the Board in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and for other good and legally sufficient reasons to any class or classes of customers of the Company. Therefore, the described charges may increase or decrease based upon the Board's decision.

The Company's Petition is available for review online at the Butler Electric website at <a href="https://www.butlerborough.com/cit-e-access/webpage.cfm?tid=19&tpid=15542">www.butlerborough.com/cit-e-access/webpage.cfm?tid=19&tpid=15542</a>

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, a telephonic public hearing is scheduled on the following date and time so that members of the public may present their views on the Company's Petition.

Date: Time: Dial In: Meeting ID: Passcode:

Representatives from the Company, Board Staff, and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel will participate in the telephonic public hearings. Members of the public are invited to participate by utilizing the Dial-In number and Access Code set forth above, and may express their views on the Petition. All comments will be made part of the final record of the proceeding and will be considered by the Board.

In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, such as interpreters or listening assistance, 48 hours prior to the above hearings to the Board Secretary at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

The Board will also accept written and/or electronic comments. While all comments will be given equal consideration and be made part of the final record of this proceeding, the preferred method of transmittal is via the Board's Public Document Search Tool by searching for the specific docket listed above, and then posting the comment by utilizing the "Post Comments" button.

Emailed comments may be filed with the Secretary of the Board, in PDF or Word format, to board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

Written comments may also be submitted to the Board Secretary, Aida Camacho-Welch, at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350. All mailed or emailed comments should include the name of the Petition and the docket number.

All comments are considered "public documents" for purposes of the State's Open Public Records Act. Commenters may identify information that they seek to keep confidential by submitting them in accordance with the confidentiality procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3.

Table #1 **Residential Electric Service** 

	And Your	Then Your	And Your	Your Monthly	And Your
	Monthly kWhr	Present Monthly	Proposed	Bill Change	Monthly Percent
If Your Annual	Use Is:	Bill (1)	Monthly	Would	Change
kWhr Use Is:		Would Be:	Bill (2) Would Be:	Be:	Would Be:
1,732	185	\$25.96	\$25.97	\$0.01	0.04%
3,464	370	48.31	48.34	0.03	0.06
6,920	740	91.81	91.86	0.05	0.05
7,800	803	98.88	98.93	0.05	0.05
12,500	1,337	158.79	158.88	0.09	0.06

Based upon current Delivery Rates and Energy charges in effect October 1, 2021.
 Same as (1) except includes the proposed change in the ZEC Charge.

Robert Oostdyk Butler Electric Counsel