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Aida Camacho-Welch
Secretary of the Board
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
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RE: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS - IN THE MATTER OF THE CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAMS AND BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 – TRUE-UP, REVISED BUDGETS AND PROGRAM CHANGES

Dear Secretary Camacho-Welch:

The New Jersey Utilities Association (“NJUA”) represents investor-owned utilities that provide electric, natural gas, telecommunications, water and wastewater services to residential and business customers throughout the State. I am writing on behalf of the electric and natural gas companies (“the utilities”) that are members of the NJUA in response to the January 12, 2022 request from the Staff of the Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) to provide comments on the proposal for True-up, Revised Budgets and Program Changes for New Jersey’s Clean Energy Programs and Budgets for Fiscal Year 2022.

The utilities would like to express strong support for the proposed budget reallocation. From our own experience administering energy efficiency programs inside and outside of New Jersey, we recognize it is incredibly challenging to predict market response to programs. Ensuring that customers who installed qualifying equipment and/or the contractors who performed the installations receive the prevailing incentive for their qualifying equipment and projects is critical to long term confidence in the market. With that in mind, the utilities support the transfer of available funding from other programs to help support the higher than anticipated demand for the Residential New Construction Program, the close out of the Energy Efficient Products Program, and the Direct Install Program.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comments.

Sincerely,



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