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ENERGY

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF THE MODIFICATION OF)	ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND RULING ON MOTIONS TO INTERVENE AND
POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENTS WITH CHAMBERS COGENERATION LIMITED)))	PARTICIPATE PARTICIPATE
PARTNERSHIP AND LOGAN GENERATING COMPANY, L.P.))	DOCKET NO. EM21121253

Parties of Record:

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BY COMMISSIONER DIANNE SOLOMON:

BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On December 22, 2021, Atlantic City Electric Company ("ACE" or "Company") filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board" or "BPU") seeking approval of settlement agreements between ACE and Chambers Cogeneration Limited Partnership ("Chambers"), and ACE and Logan Generating Company, L.P. ("Logan"), as well as modified Power Purchase Agreements ("PPAs") pursuant to which ACE will modify existing PPAs and terminate existing Power Sales Agreements ("PSAs") with Chambers and Logan, respectively ("Petition").

According to the Petition, this proceeding involves the modification and termination of the last of ACE's contracts to purchase electricity from Non-Utility Generators ("NUGs"). Specifically, ACE requested to modify the existing Chambers and Logan PPAs such that existing interconnection rights would be preserved but coal-fired electric generation would cease, as well as the termination of the existing Chambers and Logan PSAs.

On January 26, 2022, the Board retained this matter and designated myself as Presiding Commissioner with the authority to rule on all motions and modify schedules as necessary to secure a just and expeditious determination of the issues in this matter. See January 26, 2022 Order at p. 2. The Board further ordered that entities seeking to intervene and/or participate must

¹ In re the Petition of Atlantic City Electric Company for Approval of the Modification of Power Purchase Agreements with Chambers Cogeneration L.P. and Logan Generating Co. L.P., BPU Docket No. EM21121253, Order Designating Commissioner and Setting Manner of Service and Bar Date, dated January 26, 2022 (January 26, 2022 Order).

file the appropriate motion(s) by February 9, 2022, and any motions for admission *pro hac vice* should be filed concurrently.² <u>Id.</u>

MOTIONS TO INTERVENE AND/OR PARTICIPATE

No motions to intervene and/or participate were filed on or before February 9, 2022, as required pursuant to the January 26, 2022 Order.³

PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

The parties agree to the following Procedural Schedule:

- New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel's ("Rate Counsel's") Comments due on or before March 7, 2022
- ACE's Comments due on or before March 14, 2022

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

Rulings on Motion to Intervene and/or Participate

The January 26, 2022 Order provided that all motions to intervene and/or participate must be filed with the Board on or before February 9, 2022. As of February 9, 2022, no motions to intervene and/or participate were filed. Therefore, I <u>HEREBY ORDER</u> that the parties to this proceeding are the Company and Rate Counsel.

Procedural Schedule

Discussions between the parties resulted in the proposed Procedural Schedule provided above. I <u>HEREBY FIND</u> that the proposed Procedural Schedule is reasonable and reflects a timeframe most likely to render a successful result in this matter. As such, I <u>HEREBY ORDER</u> that the proposed Procedural Schedule is now the controlling Procedural Schedule, and I <u>FURTHER</u> <u>ORDER</u> that the Procedural Schedule in this matter is as follows:

- Rate Counsel's Comments due on or before March 7, 2022
- ACE's Comments due on or before March 14, 2022

Additionally, in compliance with the Board's Order in Docket No. EO20030254, I <u>HEREBY DIRECT</u> all parties to serve documents electronically. No hard copies shall be filed until the Board lifts the restrictions imposed in that Order.

I <u>FURTHER DIRECT</u> Staff to post this Order to the Board's website, and that a copy of the Order be served by electronic circulation to the service list.

² Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board also directed all parties to serve all documents electronically pursuant to <u>In re the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic for a Temporary Waiver of Requirements for Certain Non-Essential Obligations</u>, BPU Docket No. EO20030254, Order dated March 19, 2020.

³ Sierra Club, 350NJ-Rockland, and Environment New Jersey jointly provided comments in support of the Petition claiming that, "granting the petition would result in significant reductions in greenhouse gas pollution, significant public health benefits due to reductions in nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, and particulate matter pollution, and savings to ACE ratepayers of tens of millions of dollars."

This ruling is subject to ratification or modification by the Board as it deems appropriate during the proceedings in this matter.

DATED: 2/17/2022

DIANNE SOLOMON COMMISSIONER IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF THE MODIFICATION OF POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENTS WITH CHAMBERS COGENERATION LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AND LOGAN GENERATING COMPANY, L.P.

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