

## ORDER ON PRO HAC VICE

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 00872-22 AGENCY DKT. NO. GR2112154

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF
ELIZABETHTOWN GAS COMPANY FOR
APPROVAL OF INCREASED BASE TARIFF
RATES AND CHARGES FOR GAS SERVICE,
CHANGES TO DEPRECIATION AND OTHER
TARIFF REVSIONS

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**Deborah M. Franco**, Esq., V.P. Clean Energy & Sustainability, and **Sheree L. Kelly,** Esq., Regulatory Affairs Counsel, for petitioner, Elizabethtown Gas Company,

- **Kenneth T. Maloney**, Esq. and **Terrence W. Regan**, Esq., for petitioner, Elizabethtown Gas Company (Cullen & Dykman, attorneys)
- **Terrel Klein**, Deputy Attorney General, and **Michael Beck**, Deputy Attorney General, for Staff of the Board of Public Utilities (Paul Lupo, Acting Director, Division of Energy)
- **Maura Caroselli**, Esq. Managing Partner, and **Sarah H. Steindel**, Esq., Assistant Deputy Rate Counsel, for Division of Rate Counsel (Brian O. Lipman, Director)

Steven S. Goldenberg, Esq., (Giordano, Halleran & Ciesla, P.C., attorneys) and Paul F. Forshay, Esq. (Eversheds-Sutherland (US) LLP, attorneys), for intervenor, New Jersey Large Energy User Coalition

**Joseph Accardo**, Esq., V.P. Regulatory, and Danielle Lopez, Esq., Associate General Regulatory Counsel, for participant, Public Service & Gas Company

**Andrew K. Dembia**, Esq., Regulatory Affairs Counsel, for participant, New Jersey Natural Gas Company

## BEFORE JULIO C. MOREJON, ALJ:

WHEREFORE, on December 28, 2021, petitioner, Elizabethtown Gas Company (Elizabethtown or Company) filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (Board or BPU) for approval of an overall increase in natural gas distribution revenues of approximately \$76.6 million or 19%, for changes in its tariff for gas service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-18 and N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.3 and for change to its current Board-approved depreciation rates pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-18. The Company also proposed to change its depreciation rates. The Company further proposed to establish or continue regulatory assets to allow it to defer for future recovery the following costs to the extent not included in the Company's request for a base rate increase: (1) the costs of the Company's federally mandated gas transmission integrity management program, (2) costs associated with Transportation Security Administration (TSA) security directives (3) the remaining undepreciated costs of non-operational liquefaction equipment at the Company's Erie Street liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility, to the extent not reimbursed by the vendor/manufacturer, and (4) costs incurred to establish an in-house gas supply function; and

**WHEREAS** the matter was thereafter transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on February 8, 2022, and the initial case management conference was held on March 23, 2022; and

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WHEREAS on March 30, 2022, by Motion for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* for counsel

for Intervenor, New Jersey Large Energy Users Coalition (NJLEUC) sought to have Paul

F. Forshay, Esq., granted the right to appear and represent its interests in this matter;

and

WHEREAS by Affidavit in Support of Request to Appear Pro Hac Vice, Paul F.

Forshay, Esq. is an attorney in good standing in the District of Columbia, and is associated

with New Jersey counsel of record, Steven S. Goldenberg, Esq., of the law firm of

Giordano, Halleran & Ciesla PC, who is qualified to practice law in the State of New Jersey

pursuant to R. 1:21-1, who is attorney of record for NJLEUC; and

WHEREAS Paul F. Forshay, Esq. agrees to abide by the New Jersey Court Rules

and Rules of the Office of Administrative Law; and

WHEREAS no party has set forth any opposition to the motion, and for good cause

shown; now therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that the Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice by counsel for

Intervenor NJLEUC, for leave to have Paul F. Forshay, Esq appear and assist Steven S.

Goldenberg, Esq., in the representation of NJLEUC in these proceedings is **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall not serve or be used as a reason

to delay the proceedings.

This order may be reviewed by the DIRECTOR OF BOARD OF PUBLIC

**UTILITIES**, either upon interlocutory review, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:1-14.10, or at the end

of the contested case, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:1-18.6.

April 13, 2022

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