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Carmen Diaz, Acting Secretary Office of the Secretary NJ Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue P.O. Box 350 Trenton, NJ 08625-0350

Re: In the Matter of the Petition of Rockland Electric Company for Approval of

An Infrastructure Investment Program, and Related Cost Recovery

Mechanism BPU Docket No. ER22030198

## Dear Acting Secretary Diaz:

This letter is submitted by Petitioner Rockland Electric Company ("RECO" or the "Company") in lieu of more formal response to the motion to participate filed by South Jersey Gas Company ("SJG") and Elizabethtown Gas Company ("ETG") (collectively, the "Gas Companies"). RECO's pending petition seeks approval for an Infrastructure Investment Program to accelerate investment in four electric distribution projects (i.e., overhead storm hardening, selective undergrounding, underground cable rebuilt, and Franklin Lakes substation).

Applicants for participant status must show at least a "significant interest" in the outcome of the case. N.J.A.C. 1:1-16.6(a)

Although the instant proceeding concerns the Company's own proposals for electric distribution infrastructure and is not a "generic proceeding," our understanding is that the Gas Companies nonetheless seek to monitor the proceeding given their general interests in IIPs (since they have achieved approval of, or have pending, their own IIPs<sup>1</sup>).

With that understanding, the Company does not object to participant status for the Gas Companies in this particular proceeding for the purpose of monitoring. The Company's consent

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In re the Petition of Elizabethtown Gas to Implement an Infrastructure Investment Program ("IIP) and Associated Recovery Mechanism Pursuant to N.J.S.A 48:2-21 and N.J.A.C. 14:3-2A, BPU Docket No. GR18101197 Final Decision

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is made without prejudice to its rights to object to intervention or participation requests by other utilities in its future proceedings, based on the circumstances in those proceedings.

This letter is being served by email in accordance with the Board's May 18, 2022 order designating Commissioner.

Respectively submitted,

s/James C. Meyer

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and Order Approving Stipulation (June 12, 2019); IMO the Petition of South Jersey Gas Company to Implement An Infrastructure Investment Program ("IIP") and Associated Recovery Mechanism Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.A.C. 14:3-2A., Docket No. GR20110726 (pending).

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