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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Carmen D. Diaz
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RE: In the Matter of the Letter Petition of Atlantic City Electric Company for a Waiver of the Requirements of N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.6 and for Approval Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:1-1.2 of the Sale of Certain Utility Assets to Lund's Fisheries, Inc. BPU Docket No. EM22050338

Dear Acting Secretary Diaz:

By way of follow up to the undersigned's August 4th e-mail to the parties, please allow this communication to document Atlantic City Electric Company's ("ACE" or the "Company") position with respect to suggested Condition 2 found in the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel's ("Rate Counsel") July 6, 2022 Comment Letter in this matter. The Company respectfully submits that Rate Counsel's suggested language with respect to Condition 2 not be included in any Board of Public Utilities (the "Board" or "BPU") Order approving the sale of assets requested in this filing.

Rate Counsel's suggested condition (which appears on page 5 of its July 6th comment letter) is inapplicable to the proposed transaction because, from an accounting perspective, there would be no Gain/Proceeds on the sale of the assets. Once the transaction is completed, the sale/purchase price ACE receives represents the value of the undepreciated transformers and would offset the assets needed to retire the transferred assets within "Property, Plant and Equipment" on the Company's Balance Sheet. As such, there would be no "proceeds from sale of the [a]ssets" within the Income Statement to credit or move to a deferred liability account.

ACE therefore respectfully requests that Board Staff decline to adopt Rate Counsel's recommended Condition 2 in Rate Counsel's July 6, 2022 Comment Letter and that the matter be prepared for presentation to the Commissioners at Staff's earliest convenience.

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Consistent with the Order issued by the Board in connection with *In the Matter of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic for a Temporary Waiver of Requirements for Certain Non-Essential Obligations*, BPU Docket No. EO20030254, Order dated March 19, 2020, the Stipulation and its attachments are being electronically filed with the Acting Secretary of the Board, the Division of Law, Rate Counsel, and all parties. No paper copies will follow.

Thank you for your cooperation and courtesies. Feel free to contact me with any questions or if I can be of further assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

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