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**RE: In The Matter of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Response to the Covid-19
Pandemic
BPU Docket No. AO20060471**

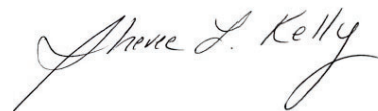
Dear Acting Secretary Diaz:

Please accept this letter on behalf of South Jersey Gas Company and Elizabethtown Gas Company (collectively "the Companies") in support of the August 2, 2022 letter motion of Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G") requesting that the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") amend its July 2, 2020 Order Authorizing Establishment of a Regulatory Asset for Incremental COVID-19 Related Expenses ("COVID Regulatory Asset Order"). Specifically, the Companies support PSE&G's request that the deferral period established by the COVID Regulatory Asset Order be extended through the end of 2023. The Companies also support an extension of the filing date for recovery of those incremental costs to a date within 60 days of the close of the extended regulatory asset period subject to providing individual utilities the right to seek recovery of the regulatory asset balance prior to the expiration of the extension period.

As noted by PSE&G, the Board, in its COVID Regulatory Asset Order, has acknowledged that “the regulated utilities’ response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to, complying with the Governor’s COVID-19-related Executive Orders, could cause the State’s regulated utilities to incur significant and extraordinary COVID-19-related expenditures, including uncollectible expenses, that could have a negative financial impact on the State’s regulated utilities. The Companies respectfully submit that the relief sought by PSE&G, subject to each individual utilities’ ability, is appropriate to minimize the financial impact of these significant extraordinary expenses.

The Companies, therefore, respectfully request that the Board grant PSE&G’s motion to extend the deferral period through the end of 2023, and to extend the filing date for recovery of those incremental costs to a date within 60 days of the close of the extended regulatory asset period subject to providing each individual utility the right to seek recovery of the regulatory asset prior to the end of 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheree L. Kelly". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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