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VIA Email

Carman Diaz, Acting Secretary
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor
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**Re: I/M/O the New Jersey Clean Energy Programs and Budget for
Fiscal Year 2022- True-Up Revised Budgets and Program Changes
Docket No. QO21040720**

Dear Acting Secretary Diaz:

Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) is pleased to offer the following comments in response to the Request for Comments on the Board of Public Utilities (Board or the BPU) New Jersey Clean Energy Programs and Budget for Fiscal Year 2022- True-Up Revised Budgets and Program Changes. PSE&G continues to co-manage, along with the BPU and the state's other investor owned utilities, the Comfort Partners program to provide no-cost energy efficiency measures to low-income households in New Jersey.

PSE&G has been working with BPU Staff to adjust its Comfort Partners PSE&G- specific budget for fiscal year 2022. These comments provide support for PSE&G's request to reallocate its budget between electric and gas sub-budgets, as well as a shift of dollars within the electric and gas sub-budgets to the administrative cost category.

On March 9, 2022, the Board approved the Clean Energy Program's Fiscal Year 2022 True-Up and Revised Budgets ("Revised Budget"), which included sub-budgets for PSE&G's electric and gas utilities.¹ The approved amounts in the Revised Budget for PSE&G electric and gas were \$10.34 million and \$15.52 million respectively. The sub-budgets include various cost categories. PSE&G is requesting adjustments to the following categories: Administration; Sales, Marketing and Website, and; Rebates, Grants and Other Direct Incentives.

Proposed Budget Reallocation from the Electric Sub-Budget to the Gas Sub-Budget

¹ In the Matter of the Clean Energy Programs and Budget for Fiscal Year 2022- True-Up, Revised Budgets and Program Changes, BPU Docket No. QO201040720 (March 9, 2022)

PSE&G is requesting a reallocation of \$2.4 million from its electric sub-budget “Rebates, Grants and Other Direct Incentives” cost category to its gas sub-budget “Rebates, Grants and Other Direct Incentives” cost category. The reallocation would result in an electric sub-budget of \$7.94 million and a gas sub-budget of \$17.92 million. This reallocation would better align PSE&G’s sub-budgets to its actual requests for participation in its electric and gas Comfort Partners programs in Fiscal Year 2022.

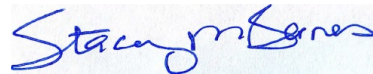
Proposed Budget Adjustment within the Electric and Gas Sub-Budgets

Within both the electric and gas sub-budgets, PSE&G is also requesting an adjustment of \$36,000 (electric) and \$54,000 (gas) from the “Sales, Marketing, and Website” cost category to the “Administration” cost category. In fiscal year 2022, PSE&G procured and implemented a new Comfort Partners database. The administrative costs associated with this project were higher than anticipated. The adjustments to account for these costs would not result in a change to PSE&G’s overall electric and gas sub-budgets.

Conclusion

PSE&G appreciates the opportunity to submit these comments in support of its request for revisions to its Comfort Partners Revised Budget. The revisions will more accurately reflect PSE&G’s actual experience with participation requests and work performed in Fiscal Year 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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