



VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

January 5, 2023

Honorable Carmen Diaz, Acting Secretary
State of New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor
Post Office Box 350
Trenton, NJ 08625-0350

Re: I/M/O the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Response to the
Covid-19 Pandemic
BPU Docket No. AO20060471

Dear Acting Secretary Diaz:

In its Order Extending the Regulatory Asset Period ("Order") dated December 21, 2022, in the above-referenced proceeding, the Board of Public Utilities ("Board") approved Board Staff's recommendation for an extension of the COVID-19 regulatory asset period through March 15, 2023 (from December 31, 2022) with utilities filing for COVID-19 cost recovery 60 days thereafter (i.e., an extension from March 1, 2023 to May 15, 2023). The Board also ruled that nothing in the Order shall prevent the utilities from seeking recovery of the regulatory asset balance prior to the expiration of the extension of the Regulatory Asset Period. Please be advised that New Jersey Natural Gas Company ("NJNG") will cease deferring costs as of December 31, 2022 and will seek recovery of its regulatory asset balance in its next base rate proceeding. Accordingly, there is no need for NJNG to file a formal plan within 15 days from the effective date of the Order (i.e., January 5, 2023) outlining how the additional time afforded by the Order will be used to obtain appropriate federal funds and to work with customers to reduce arrearages and avoid disconnections.

Please note that NJNG is making this filing solely in electronic form pursuant to the Board's directive in its Emergency Order dated March 19, 2020 in BPU Docket No. EO20030254.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Andrew K. Dembia'.

Andrew K. Dembia
Regulatory Affairs Counsel

AKD:sf

Enclosures

C: Service List (electronic only)