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## **Via Electronic Mail**

Ms. Sherri Golden, Secretary NJ Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Suite 314, P.O. Box 350 Trenton, NJ 08625-0350 board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov

Re: In the Matter of an Audit of the Affiliated Transactions Between

Jersey Central Power & Light Company, First Energy Corp. and its Affiliates Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-49, 48:3-55, 48:3-56, 48:3-58

& N.J.A.C. <u>14:4-3.7</u> (e) and (f) BPU Dkt. No. EA20110733

Dear Secretary Golden:

On April 12, 2023, the Division of Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel") received the public copy of the Liberty Consulting Group's Final Report, Phases One and Two, of the Affiliated Transactions and a Management Audit of Jersey Central Power & Light Company ("Audit Report") in connection with the above matter dated February 7, 2023. The cover letter attached to the Audit Report indicates that the Board, at its April 12, 2023 Agenda Meeting, ordered that all comments to the Audit Report be filed with the Board, as well as the Division of Audits, by May 22, 2023. Rate Counsel is unable to retain a consultant, review the voluminous documents, and comment thereon in less than four weeks. Moreover, our office has only received the redacted, public version of the Audit Report.

Therefore, Rate Counsel respectfully requests that the Board toll the deadline for comments until receipt of the complete Audit Report. Additionally, so that we may have sufficient time to prepare comments in this matter, Rate Counsel requests sixty days to provide its comments following receipt of the full Audit Report.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours, BRIAN O. LIPMAN, DIRECTOR DIVISION OF RATE COUNSEL

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