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**Re: In The Matter of Declaring Transmission to Support Offshore Wind a Public Policy of the State of New Jersey
Docket No. QO20100630
Developer Quarterly Report for Close of First Quarter 2023**

On October 26, 2022, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“BPU” or “Board”) staff (“Staff”) issued the [SAA Order](#)¹ awarding a series of projects under the SAA.

The SAA Order sets forth certain quarterly reporting obligations. Specifically, the SAA Order’s Item 6 of Appendix B requires the following:

The SAA Developer shall provide regular, quarterly status reports in writing to the Board. The reports shall contain, but not be limited to, updates and information regarding: (a) current permitting and land acquisition status of the project; (b) current engineering and construction status of the project; (c) project completion percentage, including milestone completion; (d) current target project and phase completion date(s); and (e) cost expenditures to date, including any associated overhead and fringe benefits related costs and revised projected cost estimates for completion of the project.

¹ In the Matter of Declaring Transmission to Support Offshore Wind a Public Policy of the State of New Jersey, BPU Docket No. QO20100630, Order dated October 26, 2022 (“SAA Order”).

In addition, the SAA Order requires that that these quarterly reports “shall include, but are not limited to, updates on construction activities, community engagement, all PJM and FERC filings and updates, schedule updates and notification of delays.”²

In compliance with these requirements, PSE&G herein submits its quarterly report for the three months ended on March 31, 2023, which appears on Attachment A hereto.

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² SAA Order, at 71.

Public Service Electric and Gas Company
Case Name: SAA1 Quarterly Report
Docket No(s): SAA1 Quarterly Report

Response to Discovery Request: Q1-2023-0001
Date of Response: August 15, 2023

Question:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Project Name: _____

Scope Summary (please provide a high-level summary). Please highlight any major project developments or changes to previous quarterly reports, including not limited to scope changes or completion dates:

Attachments Provided Herewith: 0

Response:

Project Name: NJSAA Central Jersey Grid Upgrades

The scope of the project includes:

- Install a new 345/230kV transformer the Linden 345 kV Switching station, and relocate the Linden-Tosco 230 kV (B-2254) line from the Linden 230 kV to the existing 345/230 kV transformer at Linden 345 kV.
- Upgrade the Bergen 138 kV ring bus by installing a 80 kA breaker along with the foundation, piles, and relays to the existing ring bus, install breaker isolation switches on existing foundations and modify and extend bus work.
- Upgrade all terminal equipment at Windsor 230 kV and Clarksville 230 kV as necessary to create a paired conductor path between Clarksville and JCPL East Windsor Switch 230 kV.
- Upgrade inside plant equipment at Lake Nelson I 230 kV.
- Upgrade Kilmer W-Lake Nelson W 230 kV line drop and strain bus connections at Lake Nelson 230 kV.
- Upgrade Lake Nelson-Middlesex-Greenbrook W 230 kV line drop and strain bus connections at Lake Nelson 230 kV.

Public Service Electric and Gas Company
Case Name: SAA1 Quarterly Report
Docket No(s): SAA1 Quarterly Report

Response to Discovery Request: Q1-2023-0002
Date of Response: August 15, 2023

Question:

Current Permitting and Land Acquisition of the Project

Provide update. Highlight milestones, outstanding items, and issues. Include percentage completion.

Attachments Provided Herewith: 0

Response:

The Company is currently evaluating what permits will be needed to complete the project. At this time no land acquisition is anticipated to be required as all work is being performed at existing stations. These activities are <5% complete.

Public Service Electric and Gas Company
Case Name: SAA1 Quarterly Report
Docket No(s): SAA1 Quarterly Report

Response to Discovery Request: Q1-2023-0003
Date of Response: August 15, 2023

Question:

Current Engineering and Construction Status of the Project

Provide update. Highlight milestones, outstanding items, issues, and proposed or approved scope change.

Attachments Provided Herewith: 0

Response:

Engineering is currently underway. Construction has not yet started on this project.

Public Service Electric and Gas Company
Case Name: SAA1 Quarterly Report
Docket No(s): SAA1 Quarterly Report

Response to Discovery Request: Q1-2023-0004
Date of Response: August 15, 2023

Question:

Project Completion Percentage, Including Milestone Completion

Provide update on milestone progress, including percentage complete of each milestone. This can be a table, if preferred. Please do not only reference another document.

Attachments Provided Herewith: 0

Response:

The project is currently in the engineering and permitting phase. Total project is at <5% completion.

Public Service Electric and Gas Company
Case Name: SAA1 Quarterly Report
Docket No(s): SAA1 Quarterly Report

Response to Discovery Request: Q1-2023-0005
Date of Response: August 15, 2023

Question:

Current Target Projects and Phase Completion Dates

Provide updates, project milestones that are in the pipeline, and when projects in the pipeline are expected to be completed. Please include overall project completion date. Please do not only reference another document.

Attachments Provided Herewith: 0

Response:

The projects are currently in the engineering and permitting phase. All milestones are currently on-track. The projected in service dates for each project are as follows:

- b3737.38 (Linden) → 12/31/27
- b3737.39 (Bergen) → 12/31/27
- b3737.41 (Clarksville) → 6/1/29
- b3737.42 (Lake Nelson I) → 6/1/29
- b3737.43 (Kilmer W - Lake Nelson) → 6/1/29
- b3737.44 (Lake Nelson – Middlesex - Greenbrook W) → 6/1/29

Public Service Electric and Gas Company
Case Name: SAA1 Quarterly Report
Docket No(s): SAA1 Quarterly Report

Response to Discovery Request: Q1-2023-0006
Date of Response: August 15, 2023

Question:

Cost Expenditures

Include any associated overhead and fringe benefits-related costs and revised projected cost estimates for completion of the project. Highlight any cost adjustments. Provide initial project cost (at time of SAA Order), overall (current) expected project cost, and current spend.

Attachments Provided Herewith: 0

Response:

The initial project cost was about \$39 million in escalated dollars. An interim estimate update was provided showing an estimated increase to approximately \$52M. Most of the increase was driven by a significant increase in transformer costs. At the end of Quarter 1, the Company has spent approximately \$648,945.

Public Service Electric and Gas Company
Case Name: SAA1 Quarterly Report
Docket No(s): SAA1 Quarterly Report

Response to Discovery Request: Q1-2023-0007
Date of Response: August 15, 2023

Question:

Community Engagement

Provide an update regarding any community engagement activity in which you have engaged this quarter.

Attachments Provided Herewith: 0

Response:

There are no current updates.

Public Service Electric and Gas Company
Case Name: SAA1 Quarterly Report
Docket No(s): SAA1 Quarterly Report

Response to Discovery Request: Q1-2023-0008
Date of Response: August 15, 2023

Question:

PJM FERC Filing Update

Provide updates on any relevant PJM FERC Filing activities related to the project that occurred during this quarter.

Attachments Provided Herewith: 0

Response:

In December 2022 PJM provided the Company with Notification of Designation of Construction Responsibility that designated PSE&G as the entity for certain components of the SAA Central Jersey Grid Upgrades. There were no FERC filing activities.

Public Service Electric and Gas Company
Case Name: SAA1 Quarterly Report
Docket No(s): SAA1 Quarterly Report

Response to Discovery Request: Q1-2023-0009
Date of Response: August 15, 2023

Question:

Attachments, as applicable (list names of all attachments included, next to the Items number above to which they each refer):

- Item #1: _____
- Item #2: _____
- Item #3: _____
- Item #4: _____
- Item #5: _____
- Item #6: _____
- Item #7: _____
- Item #8: _____

Attachments Provided Herewith: 0

Response:

No attachments.