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December 29, 2023

Honorable Sherri Golden,
Secretary of the Board
State of New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor,
PO Box 350
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350

Re: In the Matter of the Petition of Rockland Electric
Company for Approval of a Zero Emission
Certificate Recovery Charge
BPU Docket No. _____

Dear Secretary Golden:

Rockland Electric Company ("RECO" or the "Company") hereby submits for filing with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (the "Board") Leaf No. 61 in draft format reflecting revisions to its Schedule for Electric Service B.P.U. No. 3 – Electricity (the "Electric tariff").

In the legislation establishing the Zero Emissions Certificate Recovery Charge ("ZECRC") the New Jersey Electric Distribution Companies ("EDCs") were directed to return excess amount collected in each EDC's separate, interest bearing account to its retail distribution customers at the end of each energy year. In this filing, RECO is proposing to reconcile the excess collections from Energy Year 2023 and the balance of reconciliation for Energy Year 2022.

The Company is proposing to reconcile the excess ZECRC collection and corresponding interest over a twelve month period commencing March 1, 2024, via the previously established Return of Excess Collections Credit Rate ("RECCR"), which is a component of the ZECRC and is currently set at a credit of 0.0062 ¢ per kWh, excluding SUT. The proposed RECCR charge of 0.0048 ¢ per kWh, excluding SUT, is based on a total under-collection of \$76,246. Adding the RECCR to the ZEC Charge of 0.4000 ¢ per kWh, excluding SUT, results in a combined ZECRC of 0.4048 ¢ per kWh, excluding SUT, or 0.4316 ¢ per kWh, including SUT.

The Company will monitor the ZECRC excess collection balance and, as it approaches zero, the Company proposes to file with the Board no later than 30 days prior to making the change effective to set the RECCR to zero. Any excess balance remaining at that point will be included in the Company's next RECCR filing.

This filing includes the following:

- Attachment A – Calculation of ZECRC rate
- Attachment B – Redlined and Final Electric Tariff Sheets
- Attachment C – Draft Public Notice

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Please note that the Company 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.

Questions regarding this filing can be directed to Cheryl Ruggiero at (212) 460-3189.

Respectfully,

/s/

William A. Atzl, Jr.
Director – Rate Engineering

**Rockland Electric Company
Zero Emission Certificate (ZEC) Recovery Charge; and
Calculation of ZEC Reconciliation Charge**

December 2023 Ending Credit Balance Including Interest	\$43,990	(1)
Balance for Energy Year 2023 Including Interest	<u>32,256</u>	(2)
Total Refund due Customers	\$76,246	(3) = (1) + (2)
kWh Sales Forecast (January - December 2024)	1,587,273,662	(4)
Calculation of Proposed ZEC Rec Charge (Excl SUT) (¢ per kWh)	0.0048	(5) = (3) / (4) * 100
Sales and Use Tax Rate	1.06625	(6)
Calculation of ZEC Rec Charge (Incl SUT) (¢ per kWh)	0.0051	(7) = (5) * (6)

ZEC Recovery Charge

<u>Current</u>	<u>Excluding SUT</u>	<u>Including SUT</u>
ZEC Charge (¢ per kWh)	0.4000	0.4265
ZEC Reconciliation Charge (¢ per kWh)	<u>(0.0063)</u>	<u>(0.0067)</u>
Total ZEC Charge (¢ per kWh)	0.3937	0.4198
<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Excluding SUT</u>	<u>Including SUT</u>
ZEC Charge (¢ per kWh)	0.4000	0.4265
ZEC Reconciliation Charge (¢ per kWh)	<u>0.0048</u>	<u>0.0051</u>
Total ZEC Charge (¢ per kWh)	0.4048	0.4316

Rockland Electric Company
 Zero Emission Certificate Recovery Charge
 Energy Year 2023 Refund of Excess Collections Credit Rate Balance

Month	ZEC Cred Revenues (Less SUT)	Cumulative ZEC Credit Balance	Average Balance	Annual Interest	Daily Interest Rate	# Days in Period	Interest Expense	Cumulative Interest	Total Cumulative
		\$ 56,715							
Jan-23	\$ (24,805)	\$ 31,910	\$ 44,313	3.53%	0.0097%	31	\$ 133	\$ 133	\$ 32,043
Feb-23	(13,970)	17,940	24,925	3.53%	0.0097%	28	67	200	18,140
Mar-23	(2,837)	15,103	16,521	5.31%	0.0145%	31	75	275	15,378
Apr-23	(2,175)	12,928	14,016	5.31%	0.0145%	30	61	336	13,264
May-23	(2,121)	10,807	11,867	5.31%	0.0145%	31	54	390	11,196
Jun-23	(2,787)	8,020	9,413	5.31%	0.0145%	30	41	431	8,451
Jul-23	(9,900)	(1,880)	3,070	5.31%	0.0145%	31	14	444	(1,436)
Aug-23	(10,072)	(11,952)	(6,916)	5.31%	0.0145%	31	(31)	413	(11,539)
Sep-23	(9,670)	(21,622)	(16,787)	5.82%	0.0159%	30	(80)	333	(21,289)
Oct-23	(8,364)	(29,985)	(25,804)	5.82%	0.0159%	31	(128)	205	(29,780)
Nov-23	(6,658)	(36,644)	(33,315)	5.82%	0.0159%	30	(159)	46	(36,598)
Dec-23 (Est)	(7,193)	(43,837)	(40,241)	5.82%	0.0159%	31	(199)	(153)	(43,990)
Ending Balance \$									(43,990)

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 Zero Emission Certificate Recovery Charge
 Energy Year 2023 Interest Calculation on Over Collection

Month	ZEC Revenues	ZEC Payments	Cumulative Revenues	Average Balance	Annual Interest Rate	Daily Interest Rate	# Days in Period	Interest Expense	ZEC Interest Payments	Cumulative Interest	Total Cumulative
Jun-22	\$ 510,161		\$ 510,161	\$ 255,081	1.25%	0.0034%	30	\$ 262		\$ 262	\$ 510,423
Jul-22	636,688		1,146,849	828,505	1.25%	0.0034%	31	880		1,142	1,147,990
Aug-22	702,784		1,849,633	1,498,241	1.25%	0.0034%	31	1,591		2,732	1,852,365
Sep-22	639,963		2,489,596	2,169,614	3.53%	0.0097%	30	6,295		9,027	2,498,623
Oct-22	459,370		2,948,965	2,719,280	3.53%	0.0097%	31	8,153		17,180	2,966,145
Nov-22	411,111		3,360,076	3,154,520	3.53%	0.0097%	30	9,152		26,332	3,386,408
Dec-22	465,654		3,825,729	3,592,903	3.53%	0.0097%	31	10,772		37,104	3,862,833
Jan-23	485,974		4,311,704	4,068,717	3.53%	0.0097%	31	12,198		49,302	4,361,006
Feb-23	438,911		4,750,615	4,531,159	3.53%	0.0097%	28	12,270		61,572	4,812,188
Mar-23	435,207		5,185,822	4,968,219	5.31%	0.0145%	31	22,406		83,978	5,269,801
Apr-23	428,614		5,614,436	5,400,129	5.31%	0.0145%	30	23,568		107,547	5,721,983
May-23	404,786		6,019,222	5,816,829	5.31%	0.0145%	31	26,233		133,780	6,153,002
Jun-23			6,019,222	6,019,222	5.31%	0.0145%	30	26,270		160,050	6,179,272
Jul-23			6,019,222	6,019,222	5.31%	0.0145%	31	27,146		187,196	6,206,418
Aug-23		\$ (6,019,222)	(0)	(0)	5.31%	0.0145%	31	(0)	\$ (219,451)	(32,256)	(32,256)
Sep-23			(0)	(0)	5.82%	0.0159%	30	(0)		(32,256)	(32,256)
Ending Balance \$ (32,256)											

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 Zero Emission Certificate Recovery Charge
 Energy Year 2022 Cumulative Balance

Month	ZEC Revenues	ZEC Payments	Cumulative Revenues	Average Balance	Annual Interest Rate	Daily Interest Rate	# Days in Period	Interest Expense	ZEC Interest Payments	Cumulative Interest	Total Cumulative
Jun-21	\$ 533,199	\$	533,199	\$ 266,599	0.24%	0.0007%	30	\$ 53		\$ 53	\$ 533,251
Jul-21	652,631		1,185,829	859,514	0.24%	0.0007%	31	175		228	1,186,057
Aug-21	637,470		1,823,299	1,504,564	0.24%	0.0007%	31	307		534	1,823,834
Sep-21	624,740		2,448,039	2,135,669	0.26%	0.0007%	30	456		991	2,449,030
Oct-21	491,666		2,939,705	2,693,872	0.26%	0.0007%	31	595		1,586	2,941,291
Nov-21	415,941		3,355,646	3,147,675	0.26%	0.0007%	30	673		2,258	3,357,904
Dec-21	481,945		3,837,590	3,596,618	0.26%	0.0007%	31	794		3,053	3,840,643
Jan-22	509,861		4,347,452	4,092,521	0.26%	0.0007%	31	904		3,956	4,351,408
Feb-22	480,747		4,828,199	4,587,825	0.26%	0.0007%	28	915		4,871	4,833,070
Mar-22	438,188		5,266,387	5,047,293	1.25%	0.0034%	31	5,358		10,230	5,276,616
Apr-22	409,710		5,676,097	5,471,242	1.25%	0.0034%	30	5,621		15,851	5,691,948
May-22	400,844		6,076,940	5,876,519	1.25%	0.0034%	31	6,239		22,090	6,099,030
Jun-22			6,076,940	6,076,940	1.25%	0.0034%	30	6,243		28,333	6,105,274
Jul-22			6,076,940	6,076,940	1.25%	0.0034%	31	6,452		34,785	6,111,725
Aug-22			6,076,940	6,076,940	1.25%	0.0034%	31	6,452		41,236	6,118,177
Aug-22 Payment		\$ (6,027,969)	48,972						\$ (42,165)	(929)	48,043
Sep-22			48,972	48,972	3.53%	0.0097%	30	142		(786)	48,185
Oct-22			48,972	48,972	3.53%	0.0097%	31	147		(640)	48,332
Nov-22			48,972	48,972	3.53%	0.0097%	30	142		(498)	48,474
Dec-22			48,972	48,972	3.53%	0.0097%	31	147		(351)	48,621
Ending Balance \$											48,621

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NOTICE TO ROCKLAND ELECTRIC COMPANY CUSTOMERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ROCKLAND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A ZERO EMISSION CERTIFICATE RECOVERY CHARGE

**Notice of a Filing and Notice of Public Hearings
BPU Docket No. _____**

TAKE NOTICE that, on December 29, 2023, Rockland Electric Company (“RECO” or the “Company”) filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) seeking the Board’s approval to increase its Refund of Excess Collections Credit Rate (“RECCR”) component of the Zero Emission Certificate Recovery Charge (“ZECRC”) from a credit of 0.0062 ¢ per kWh, including Sales and Use Tax (“SUT”) to a charge of 0.0051 ¢ per kWh, including SUT. The proposed ZECRC rate is greater than the current ZECRC rate, therefore customers’ bills would increase based upon the proposed rate.

Based upon RECO’s Filing, the statewide average residential customer using 808 kWh per summer month, and 7,800 kWh on an annual basis, would see a change of \$0.84 in the annual bill from \$1,498.44 to \$1,499.28, or approximately 0.1%.

The effect of the proposed changes in the RECCR component of the ZECRC on typical residential electric bills, if approved by the Board, is illustrated below:

Residential Electric Service				
Typical Average Monthly Bill (Includes SUT)				
			Increase	
	Present Charges (1)	Proposed Charges (2)	Amount	Percent
650 kWh average monthly use	\$124.87	\$124.94	\$0.07	0.1
925 kWh average monthly use	181.87	181.98	0.11	0.1
1,500 kWh average monthly use	300.90	301.08	0.18	0.1

- (1) Based upon Basic Generation Service Residential Small Commercial Pricing (BGS-RSCP) and Delivery Rates in effect January 1, 2024 and assumes that the customer receives BGS-RSCP service from RECO.
- (2) Same as (1) except includes change in the RECCR.

The Board has the statutory authority pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, to establish the CIP Adjustments at levels it finds just and reasonable. Therefore, the Board may establish the CIP Adjustments at levels other than those proposed by RECO. As a result, the described charges may increase or decrease based upon the Board’s decision. The Company’s filing is available for review at the RECO’s website at: TBD

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, virtual public hearings have been scheduled on the following date and time(s) so that members of the public may present their views on the Filing.

Date: MMDDYYYY

Times: 4:30 PM and 5:30 PM

Join by meeting number via WebEx:

Go To www.webex.com and choose “Join a Meeting” at the top of the web page.

When prompted, use Meeting number TBD to access the meeting

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Join by phone:

Dial (844) 621-3956 (United States Toll Free)

When prompted, use meeting number TBD to access the meeting. If prompted to provide an attendee ID, you may choose the option in the prompts to allow you to skip this step.

Representatives of the Company, Board Staff and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel will participate in the virtual public hearings. Members of the public are invited to participate by utilizing the link or the dial-in information set forth above and may express their views on the Filing. Any comments made will be part of the final record of the proceeding to be considered by the Board. In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, such as interpreters or listening devices, 48 hours prior to the above hearings to the Board’s Secretary at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

The Board is also accepting written and/or electronic comments. While all comments will be given equal consideration and will be made part of the final record of this proceeding, the preferred method of transmittal is via the Board’s Public Document Search Tool (<https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us/>). Search for the specific docket listed above, and then post the comment by utilizing the “Post Comments” button. Emailed comments may be filed with the Board Secretary, in pdf or Word format, to board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

Written comments may be submitted to the Board Secretary, Sherri Golden, at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey

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08625-0350. All mailed or emailed comments should include the name of the petition and the docket number.

All comments are considered “public documents” for purposes of the State’s Open Public Records Act. Commenters may identify information that they seek to keep confidential by submitting them in accordance with the confidentiality procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3.

ROCKLAND ELECTRIC COMPANY