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Via Email

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Re: In the Matter of the Petition of Public Service Electric and Gas Company for Approval of an Increase in Electric and Gas Rates and for Changes in the Tariffs for Electric and Gas Service, B.P.U.N.J. No. 17 Electric and B.P.U.N.J. No. 17 Gas, and for Changes in Depreciation Rates, Pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 48:2-18*, *N.J.S.A. 48:2-21*, and *N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.1*, and for Other Appropriate Relief

BPU Docket Nos. ER23120924 and GR23120925

Dear Secretary Golden:

Enclosed please find South Jersey Gas Company's and Elizabethtown Gas Company's Motion to Participate in the above-captioned proceeding.

By copy of this letter, copies of the motion are being forwarded on this date via electronic mail to all persons whose names appear on the attached Service List.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Thank you for your anticipated courtesies.

Respectfully submitted,

By:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheree L. Kelly".

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Enclosures

cc: Service List

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BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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and for Other Appropriate Relief	:	

JOINT MOTION TO PARTICIPATE

South Jersey Gas Company (“SJG”) and Elizabethtown Gas Company (“ETG”) hereby move for an Order granting their status as Participants in the above-referenced matter pursuant to *N.J.A.C.*

1:1-16.6. In support of this motion, SJG and ETG respectfully submit:

1. SJG and ETG are New Jersey public utilities as defined by *N.J.S.A.* 48:2-13.
2. SJG is engaged as a New Jersey public utility in the purchase, distribution, and sale of natural gas utility services for more than 400,000 customers located within the State of New Jersey. ETG is engaged as a New Jersey public utility in the purchase, distribution, and sale of natural gas utility services for more than 300,000 customers located within the State of New Jersey.
3. Copies of all correspondence and other communications relating to this proceeding should be addressed to:

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4. The New Jersey Administrative Code states: “Any person or entity with a significant interest in the outcome of a case may move for permission to participate.” N.J.A.C. 14:1-16.6(a). When considering motions to participate, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board” or “BPU”) “shall consider whether the participant’s interest is likely to add constructively to the case without causing undue delay or confusion.” N.J.A.C. 14:1-16.6(b).

5. The issues that will be addressed in Petitioner’s request for approval in this proceeding will substantially, specifically, and directly impact SJG and ETG. Like Petitioner, SJG and ETG are natural gas distribution utilities in New Jersey that make filings with the Board similar to the instant matter. As the Board’s decision in this proceeding will have precedential effect, it will impact not only the Petitioner herein and its customers, but also may impact New Jersey’s other utilities—including SJG and ETG.

6. The customers and the operations of SJG and ETG are distinct from those of other parties and participants in this case. Thus, no other party or participant will represent the interests of SJG and ETG in this case.

7. SJG and ETG have a history of coordinating their activities in dockets at the Board with those of other utilities where appropriate. SJG and ETG will coordinate their representation with other similarly situated parties or participants in this docket to the extent appropriate. Accordingly, there is no prospect for confusion and delay arising from the inclusion of SJG and ETG

in this proceeding.

8. Due to SJG's and ETG's experience in the natural gas industry, their participation in this proceeding is likely to add constructively to the proceeding.

9. SJG and ETG will abide by the schedule set for this proceeding, to the extent one has been entered, and therefore the participation of SJG and ETG will not result in delay.

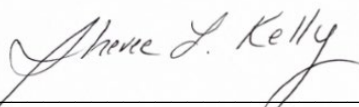
10. The granting of this Motion will not cause undue delay or confusion.

WHEREFORE, SJG and ETG respectfully request an Order: (1) granting SJG and ETG rights as Participants in this matter pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 1:1-16.6*, and (2) providing such further relief in connection therewith as is deemed reasonable, just, and consistent with the foregoing.

Respectfully submitted,

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ELIZABETHTOWN GAS COMPANY

By:



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Dated: January 12, 2024