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***VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION***

Honorable Sherri L. Golden, Secretary  
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities  
44 South Clinton Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
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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, GR23120925

Dear Secretary Golden:

Please accept this Motion to Participate, on behalf of New Jersey Natural Gas Company, in the above captioned matter.

In accordance with the Order issued by the Board in connection with I/M/O the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic for a Temporary Waiver of Requirements for Certain Non-Essential Obligations, BPU Docket No. EO20030254, Order dated March 19, 2020, this document is being electronically filed. No paper copies will follow.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [adembia@njng.com](mailto:adembia@njng.com).

Respectfully submitted,

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4. N.J.A.C. 1:1-16.6 (a) sets forth the criteria for participation:

Any person or entity with a significant interest in the outcome of a case may move for permission to participate

5. N.J.A.C. 1:1-16.6 (b) sets forth the standard that must be weighed when considering a Motion to Participate:

In deciding whether to permit participation, the judge shall consider whether the participant's interest is likely to add constructively to the case without causing undue delay or confusion.

6. The Board's decision in this proceeding will have precedential effect and impact not only on the Petitioner herein and its customers, but also New Jersey's other gas utilities. A variety of issues that will be addressed in this case will have an impact on NJNG by establishing precedent. NJNG will therefore likely be directly and specifically affected by the relief provided herein.

7. The service territories, customers, and the operations of NJNG are distinct from those of other parties and participants in this case. Thus, no other party or participant will represent the interests of NJNG in this case.

8. NJNG has a history of coordinating its activities in dockets at the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities with those of other utilities where appropriate. NJNG will coordinate its representation with other similarly situated parties or participants in this docket to the extent appropriate.

9. Due to NJNG's experience in the gas industries, its intervention in this proceeding is likely to add constructively to the proceeding.

10. NJNG will abide by the schedule set for this proceeding. NJNG's motion is timely and will not delay or otherwise disrupt the prosecution of this proceeding N.J.A.C. 1:1-16.2.

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

**WHEREFORE**, NJNG respectfully requests an Order granting it rights as a Participant 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.

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**NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY**



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DATED: January 19, 2024