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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:

On behalf of Jersey Central Power & Light Company ("JCP&L" or the "Company"), please find attached for filing with the Board of Public Utilities JCP&L's Motion to Participate in the above-captioned proceeding.

I hereby confirm that copies of this motion are being delivered as of this date via electronic mail to all persons whose names appear on the attached distribution list.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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Jersey Central Power & Light Company ("JCP&L" or the "Company") herby moves for an Order granting its status as a Participant in the above-referenced proceeding pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 1:1-16.6. In support of this Motion, JCP&L respectfully submits:

1. JCP&L is a New Jersey electric public utility, as defined by *N.J.S.A.* 48:2-13, and is primarily engaged in the purchase, transmission, distribution, and sale of electric energy and related utility services to approximately 1.1 million residential, commercial, and industrial customers located within 13 counties and 236 municipalities in the State of New Jersey.

2. Copies of all correspondence and other communications relating to this proceeding should be addressed to:

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3. *N.J.A.C.* 1:1-16.6(a) provides that "[a]ny person or entity with a significant interest in the outcome of a case may move for permission to participate."

4. The standard to allow such participation is "whether the participant's interest is likely to add constructively to the case without causing undue delay or confusion." *N.J.A.C.* 1:1-16-6(b).

5. JCP&L has a significant interest in this proceeding, and, as such, is entitled to participate in this proceeding.

6. The Board of Public Utilities' ("Board") decision in this proceeding is likely to have precedential effect and impact not only on the Petitioner herein, but also on New Jersey's other electric and gas utilities, including JCP&L and its customers. A variety of issues that will be addressed in this proceeding may have an impact on JCP&L. The Company will therefore likely be directly and specifically affected by the relief provided herein.

7. JCP&L's service territory borders the Public Service Electric & Gas Company's ("PSE&G") service territory.

8. The service territories, customers, and the operations of JCP&L are distinct from other parties or participants in this proceeding. Thus, no other party will represent the interests of JCP&L in this proceeding.

9. JCP&L has a history of coordinating its activities in dockets at the Board with other similar entities where appropriate. JCP&L will coordinate its representation with other similarly situated entities in this docket to the extent such actions are appropriate.

10. Due to JCP&L's experience in the electric industry, its participation as a Participant in this proceeding is likely to add constructively to the proceeding and will help develop a complete record for Board consideration.

11. The Company will abide by any schedule set for this proceeding.

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

**WHEREFORE,** JCP&L respectfully requests an Order (1) granting its right as a Participant in this proceeding pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 1:1-16.6, and (2) providing such further relief in connection therewith as deemed reasonable, just, and consistent with the foregoing.

Respectfully submitted,

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