

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ) STIPULATION TO EXTEND THE  
ROCKLAND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR ) 180-DAY PERIOD FOR DECISION  
APPROVAL OF ITS ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND )  
PEAK DEMAND REDUCTION PROGRAMS ) BPU DOCKET NO. QO23120875

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TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

1. On December 1, 2023, Rockland Electric Company (“RECO” or “Company”) filed a petition (“Petition”) with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board” or “BPU”) requesting approval of its energy efficiency and peak demand reduction programs and associated rate recovery mechanism pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-98.1 *et seq*, seeking to expand the Company’s energy efficiency offerings in its service territory.

2. By Order dated September 27, 2023, the Board designated Commissioner Zenon Christodoulou as the presiding officer to rule on all motions and set all schedules as necessary during the pendency of this proceeding.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> In re the Implementation of P.L. 2018, c. 17, the New Jersey Clean Energy Act of 2018. Regarding the Second Triennium of Energy Efficiency and Peak Demand Reduction Programs *et al.*, BPU Docket Nos. QO23030150, QO23120868, QO23120869, QO23120870, QO23120871, QO23120872, QO23120874, and QO23120875, Order dated January 10, 2024.

3. After RECO made a supplemental filing (“Update”) on January 16, 2024, Board Staff notified the Company, by letter dated January 19, 2024, that it reviewed the Petition and Update and determined the Petition was administratively complete. Therefore, the Board’s 180-day review period under N.J.S.A. 48:3-98.1 commenced on January 16, 2024, with an expiration date of July 5, 2024.

4. By Order dated February 26, 2024, Commissioner Christodoulou granted intervenor status to the Energy Efficiency Alliance of New Jersey and participant status to Enerwise Global Technologies, Inc. (doing business as CPower) and joint movants Atlantic City Electric Company, Elizabethtown Gas Company, Jersey Central Power and Light Company, New Jersey Natural Gas, Public Service Electric and Gas Company, and South Jersey Gas Company.<sup>2</sup>

5. The parties to this matter are currently engaged in extensive discovery and will be participating in settlement conferences and discovery conferences, if needed, as well as public hearings, in the upcoming months.

6. While the parties are working through discovery and will soon be discussing settlement, they anticipate that those discussions will not be complete before the July 5, 2024 deadline for decision. Thus, the parties have agreed on an extension of the July 5, 2024 deadline for Board action, until October 15, 2024, to allow for further settlement discussions and potential resolution of this filing.

Accordingly, the parties hereby **STIPULATE AND AGREE** as follows:

7. The parties, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.3, have agreed to extend the 180-day period for Board action on the Company’s Petition, required under N.J.S.A. 48:3-98.1, with a new deadline for Board action on the Petition to be no later than October 15, 2024.

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<sup>2</sup> In re the Petition of Rockland Electric Company for Approval of Its Energy Efficiency and Peak Demand Reduction Programs, BPU Docket No. QO23120875, Order dated February 26, 2024.

8. This Stipulation represents a mutual balancing of interests, contains interdependent provisions, and, therefore, is intended to be accepted and approved in its entirety. In the event any particular aspect of this Stipulation is not accepted and approved in its entirety by the Board, any of the parties aggrieved thereby shall not be bound to proceed with this Stipulation and shall have the right to litigate all issues addressed herein to a conclusion. More particularly, in the event this Stipulation is not adopted in its entirety by the Board, in any applicable Order(s), then any of the undersigned parties hereto is free to pursue its then available legal remedies with respect to all issues addressed in this Stipulation as though this Stipulation had not been signed.

**WHEREFORE**, the parties hereto do respectfully submit this Stipulation and request that the Board issue a Decision and Order approving an extension for Board action to no later than October 15, 2024.

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