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VIA E-FILING AND E-MAIL

Sherri L. Golden, Board Secretary New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor Post Office Box 350 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350 Board.Secretary@bpu.nj.gov

RE: I/M/O the Petition of PSE&G for Approval of an Increase in Electric and Gas Rates and for Changes in the Tariffs for Electric and Gas Service BPU Docket Nos. ER23120924 & GR23120925; OAL Docket No. PUC00926-24

Dear Secretary Golden:

On behalf of NRG Energy, Inc., and its affiliates Reliant Energy Northeast, LLC, d/b/a NRG Home/NRG Business; Energy Plus Natural Gas LP; Xoom Energy New Jersey, LLC; Stream Energy New Jersey, LLC; Direct Energy Services, LLC; Direct Energy Business, LLC; Direct Energy Business Marketing, LLC; and Gateway Energy Services Corporation ("NRG"), enclosed please find NRG's reply to Rate Counsel's opposition to NRG's Motion to Intervene in the above docket.

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

Very truly yours,

Murray E. Bevan

Enclosure

cc: Service List (via e-mail w/ enc.)

Hon. Irene Jones, ALJ (via e-mail w/ enc.)

STATE OF NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN

INCREASE IN ELECTRIC AND GAS : BPU DOCKET NOS. ER23120924,

RATES AND FOR CHANGES IN THE: GR23120925

TARIFFS FOR ELECTRIC AND GAS: OAL DOCKET NO. PUC00926-24

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

NRG'S REPLY TO RATE COUNSEL'S OPPOSITION TO NRG'S MOTION TO INTERVENE

NRG Energy, Inc. and its retail electric and gas supply affiliates ("NRG"), hereby reply to Rate Counsel's opposition to NRG's motion to intervene in the above-referenced proceeding.

- 1. Rate Counsel's opposition, filed on March 14, 2024, makes the same arguments that PSE&G made in its opposition to NRG's motion to intervene. It is significant to note that neither PSE&G nor Rate Counsel acknowledged in their oppositions the existence of PSE&G's proposed changes to the Third Party Supplier ("TPS") requirements in its gas tariff. NRG, as a TPS, will be directly and substantially affected by these gas tariff changes.
- 2. Specifically, PSE&G's petition proposes changes to the TPS nomination procedures, credit requirements, imbalance cash-out procedures, and force majeure in its gas tariff.
- 3. Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") Gertsman in 2021 granted intervention to NRG in the New Jersey Natural Gas ("NJNG") base rate case based on the same arguments that NRG

asserts here, i.e., that the utility's proposed changes to its TPS requirements in its gas tariff would substantially, specifically, and directly affect NRG's ability to serve their TPS customers.¹

4. NRG is the only TPS that has moved to intervene in this PSE&G proceeding. The BPU has previously found that this is a basis for granting intervention to NRG. For example, in the PSE&G GSMP III proceeding the Board granted NRG's motion to intervene because NRG would be "representing the specific interests of TPSs and their customers."²

NRG respectfully requests that it be permitted to intervene, with full procedural and substantive rights, in this proceeding pursuant to <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 1:1-16.1 *et seq.*, and for the reasons set forth herein, in NRG's initial motion filing, and in NRG's reply to PSE&G's opposition.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 18, 2024

¹ On July 19, 2021, ALJ Gertsman granted intervenor status to NRG in the NJNG base rate case. See I/M/O The Petition Of New Jersey Natural Gas Company For Approval Of An Increase In Gas Base Rate And For Changes In Its Tariff For Gas Service Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.1; And For Changes To Depreciation Rates For Gas Property Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 48:2-18 And In The Matter Of The Petition Of New Jersey Natural Gas Company For Approval Of A Base Rate Adjustment Pursuant To The Nj Rise And Safe II Programs (BPU DOCKET NO. GR21030679; OAL DOCKET. NO. PUC 04111-21; BPU DOCKET NO. GR21030680; OAL DOCKET. NO. PUC 04113-21)

² Order On Motions To Intervene Or Participate (June 27, 2023), I/M/O The Petition Of Public Service Electric And Gas Company For Approval Of The Next Phase Of The Gas System Modernization Program And Associated Recovery Mechanism ("GSMP III") (BPU Docket No. GR23030102)

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