## INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

## Jurisdiction

NJ State Tree Trimmers Public Service Electric and Gas



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## RE: BPU Docket Nos. ER23120924 and GR23120925, OAL Docket No. PUC 00926-24

Good afternoon, my name is Joseph Checkley, president, and business manager of Local Union 94 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. On behalf of Local 94's approximately 4,000 members, I'm here to express our full support for the Public Service Electric & Gas first rate case filing since 2018.

Since 2018, PSE&G has made over \$3 billion in significant capital investments made to upgrade, strengthen, and modernize the state's electric and gas infrastructure. Local 94 members have played a key role in implementing these investments.

Large-scale, long-term infrastructure modernization programs, like the ones undertaken by PSE&G, drive an enormous number of benefits that touch virtually everyone in the state.

Those investments have been a win-win with improvements to critical infrastructure that reduce carbon emissions and enhance reliability for customers, as well as the creation of good-paying, middle-class jobs with benefits for IBEW members.

While making these investments, PSE&G has maintained affordability as a top priority. PSE&G's request in this case is among the lowest proposed rate increases filed by a New Jersey public utility over the past several years, while the company has continuously maintained its history of providing award-winning reliable service—due in no small part to the hard work and dedication of Local 94 employees. Investments like this keeps New Jersey competitive for workforce and supports workforce development.

Investments of the type made by PSE&G in New Jersey's energy infrastructure makes the state a better place to work and a better place to live. Their investments have helped clean the air and boost our state's economy and ensure high quality jobs. And the gas and electric service to our homes and businesses is safer, more reliable and more resilient.

For these reasons, IBEW Local 94 supports PSE&G's rate case request.

Thank you for your consideration.

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