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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

A Regular Board meeting of the Board of Public Utilities was held on November 18, 2020, via Teleconference: 1 301 715 8592 Webinar ID: 989 6062 3566 or watch online @ <https://youtu.be/9i5LAh-0Fso>

Public notice was given pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-18 by posting notice of the meeting at the Board's Trenton Office, on the Board's website, filing notice of the meeting with the New Jersey Department of State and the following newspapers circulated in the State of New Jersey:

Asbury Park Press
Atlantic City Press
Burlington County Times
Courier Post (Camden)
Home News Tribune (New Brunswick)
North Jersey Herald and News (Passaic)
The Record (Hackensack)
The Star Ledger (Newark)
The Trenton Times

The following members of the Board of Public Utilities were present:

Joseph L. Fiordaliso, President
Mary-Anna Holden, Commissioner
Dianne Solomon, Commissioner
Upendra J. Chivukula, Commissioner
Robert M. Gordon, Commissioner

President Fiordaliso presided at the meeting and Aida Camacho-Welch, Secretary of the Board, carried out the duties of the Secretary.

It was announced that the next regular Board Meeting would be held on December 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. via teleconference with details to follow.

CONSENT AGENDA

I. AUDITS

Energy Agent and/or Energy Consultant Initial Registrations

GE20060452L	E-Volve Energy Holdings, LLC	I – EA
EE20090611L GE20090612L	EnPowered USA, Inc.	I – EA/EC

Energy Agent, Private Aggregator and/or Energy Consultant Renewal Registrations

EE20100687L	Statistical Energy, LLC d/b/a Statistical Energy, LLC	R – EA
EE20060456L	Kevin J. Cobb Associates, Inc. d/b/a Quest Energy Solutions	R – EA
EE20050334L	Atlas Commodities II Retail Energy, LLC	R – EA
EE20040292L	Power Management Company, LLC d/b/a PMC Lightsavers, LLC	R – EA
EE20060440L GE20040442L	Priority Power Management, LLC	R – EA/PA
EE20050368L GE20050369L	Integrated Energy Services, LLC d/b/a Integrated Energy Services	R – EA/PA
EE20070495L GE20070496L	Power 2 Profit Energy Solutions, Inc. d/b/a P2P Energy	R – EA/PA/EC

BACKGROUND: The Board must register all energy agents, private aggregators, and consultants, and the Board must license all third party electric power suppliers and natural gas suppliers. On May 10, 2019, P.L. 2019, c. 100-101 was signed into law providing that third party electric power and natural gas supplier licenses issued by the Board may be renewed without expiring if certain conditions are met. An electric power supplier and/or natural gas supplier license shall not expire so long as the licensee pays to the Board a license renewal fee accompanied by an annual information update on a form prescribed by the Board. The renewal fee and annual information update form must be submitted within 30 days prior to the anniversary date of the last approved licensing application. P.L. 2019, c. 100-101 became operative 60 days following the date of enactment.

As such, any third party suppliers with a license expiring prior to July 9, 2019 were still required to submit the previous renewal application form. Any third party supplier renewal application that was filed prior to July 9, 2019 has been, and will continue to, be processed by Board Staff for approval or denial in accordance with N.J.A.C. 14:4-5.7. The anniversary date for companies with a pending application will be the date that the renewal application receives Board approval. An energy agent, private aggregator, or energy

consultant registration shall be valid for one year from the date of issue. Annually thereafter, licensed electric power suppliers and natural gas suppliers, as well as energy agents, private aggregators, and energy consultants, are required to renew timely their licenses and registrations in order to continue to do business in New Jersey.

Staff recommended that the following applicants be issued initial registrations as an energy agent and/or energy consultant for one year:

- E-Volve Energy Holdings, LLC
- EnPowered USA Inc.

Staff also recommended that the following applicants be issued renewal registrations as an energy agent, private aggregator and/or energy consultant for one year:

- Statistical Energy LLC d/b/a Statistical Energy LLC
- Kevin J. Cobb Associates, Inc. d/b/a Quest Energy Solutions
- Atlas Commodities II Retail Energy, LLC
- Power Management Co., LLC
- Priority Power Management, LLC
- Integrated Energy Services, LLC d/b/a Integrated Energy Services
- Power 2 Profit Energy Solutions Inc. d/b/a P2P Energy

DECISION: The Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

II. ENERGY

A. Docket No. GE20030212 – In the Matter of the Resolution of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, Ocean County, New Jersey, Authorizing Renewal of the Franchise Agreement with New Jersey Natural Gas Company: Resolution No. 2019-220.

BACKGROUND: This matter involved approval of a municipal consent granted to New Jersey Natural Gas Company (NJNG or Company) by Township of Little Egg Harbor (Township). On March 5, 2020, NJNG filed a petition with the Board requesting approval of the consents for the use of the streets for the furnishing of gas service for a period of 10 years in the Township, Ocean County, New Jersey.

This consent is a renewal of a prior municipal consent that had expired. The ordinances enacted by the Township granted NJNG consent to lay, maintain, and operate gas facilities in the Township. Since the time the consent to use the streets and rights of way expired, the Company represented that it has continued to provide adequate and safe gas service to its customers at tariff rates approved by the Board.

By letter dated October 2, 2020, the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel (Rate Counsel) indicated that it did not oppose the approval of the municipal consent. However, Rate Counsel requested that approval of the petition include certain restrictions.

A hearing in this matter was held on August 17, 2020, and appearances were made on behalf of the Company, the Rate Counsel and Board Staff. No other party participated in the hearing or filed any written submission with the Board related to this matter.

After review, Staff recommended that the Board approve the municipal consent, subject to the conditions set forth in the Board Order.

DECISION: The Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

B. Docket No. GE20030221 – In the Matter of the Resolution of the Borough of Little Silver, Monmouth County, New Jersey, Authorizing Renewal of the Franchise Agreement with New Jersey Natural Gas Company: Resolution No. R-052-19.

BACKGROUND: This matter involved approval of a municipal consent granted to New Jersey Natural Gas Company (NJNG or Company) by Borough of Little Silver (Borough). On March 6, 2020, NJNG filed a petition with the Board requesting approval of the consents for the use of the streets for the furnishing of gas service for a period of 50 years in the Borough, Monmouth County, New Jersey.

This consent is a renewal of a prior municipal consent that had expired. The ordinances enacted by the Borough granted NJNG to use the streets within the Borough and consent to lay, maintain, and operate gas facilities in the Borough. Since the time the consent to use the streets and rights of way expired, the Company represented that it has continued to provide adequate and safe gas service to its customers at tariff rates approved by the Board.

By letter dated October 2, 2020, the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel (Rate Counsel) indicated that it did not oppose the approval of the municipal consent. However, Rate Counsel requested that approval of the petition include certain restrictions.

A hearing in this matter was held on August 17, 2020, and appearances were made on behalf of the Company, the Rate Counsel and Board Staff. No other party participated in the hearing or filed any written submission with the Board related to this matter.

After review, Staff recommended that the Board approve the municipal consent, subject to the conditions set forth in the Board Order.

DECISION: The Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

C. Docket No. GE20030232 – In the Matter of the Resolution of the Township of Marlboro, Monmouth County, New Jersey, Authorizing Renewal of the Franchise Agreement with New Jersey Natural Gas Company: Resolution No. 2019-146.

BACKGROUND: This matter involved approval of a municipal consent granted to New Jersey Natural Gas Company (NJNG or Company) by Borough of Marlboro (Borough). On March 10, 2020, NJNG filed a petition with the Board requesting approval of the consents for the use of the streets for the furnishing of gas service for a period of 50 years in the Borough, Monmouth County, New Jersey.

This consent is a renewal of a prior municipal consent that had expired. The ordinances enacted by the Borough granted NJNG to use the streets within the Borough and consent to lay, maintain, and operate gas facilities in the Borough. Since the time the consent to use the streets and rights of way expired, the Company represented that it has continued to provide adequate and safe gas service to its customers at tariff rates approved by the Board.

By letter dated October 2, 2020, the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel (Rate Counsel) indicated that it did not oppose the approval of the municipal consent. However, Rate Counsel requested that approval of the petition include certain restrictions.

A hearing in this matter was held on August 17, 2020, and appearances were made on behalf of the Company, the Rate Counsel and Board Staff. No other party participated in the hearing or filed any written submission with the Board related to this matter.

After review, Staff recommended that the Board approve the municipal consent, subject to the conditions set forth in the Board Order.

DECISION: The Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

D. Docket No. GE20030225 – In the Matter of the Resolution of the Borough of Matawan, Monmouth County, New Jersey, Authorizing Renewal of the Franchise Agreement with New Jersey Natural Gas Company: Resolution No. 19-11-07.

BACKGROUND: This matter involved approval of a municipal consent granted to New Jersey Natural Gas Company (NJNG or Company) by Borough of Matawan (Borough). On March 9, 2020, NJNG filed a petition with the Board requesting approval of the consents for the use of the streets for the furnishing of gas service for a period of 50 years in the Borough, Monmouth County, New Jersey.

This consent is a renewal of a prior municipal consent that had expired. The ordinances enacted by the Borough granted NJNG to use the streets within the Borough and consent to lay, maintain, and operate gas facilities in the Borough. Since the time the consent to use the streets and rights of way expired, the Company represented that it has continued to provide adequate and safe gas service to its customers at tariff rates approved by the Board.

By letter dated October 2, 2020, the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel (Rate Counsel) indicated that it did not oppose the approval of the municipal consent. However, Rate Counsel requested that approval of the petition include certain restrictions.

A hearing in this matter was held on August 17, 2020, and appearances were made on behalf of the Company, the Rate Counsel and Board Staff. No other party participated in the hearing or filed any written submission with the Board related to this matter.

After review, Staff recommended that the Board approve the municipal consent, subject to the conditions set forth in the Board Order.

DECISION: The Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

E. Docket No. GE20030258 – In the Matter of the Resolution of the Borough of Red Bank, Monmouth County, New Jersey, Authorizing Renewal of the Franchise Agreement with New Jersey Natural Gas Company: Resolution No. 19-77.

BACKGROUND: This matter involved approval of a municipal consent granted to New Jersey Natural Gas Company (NJNG or Company) by Borough of Red Bank (Borough). On March 12, 2020, NJNG filed a petition with the Board requesting approval of the consents for the use of the streets for the furnishing of gas service for a period of 50 years in the Borough, Monmouth County, New Jersey.

This consent is a renewal of a prior municipal consent that had expired. The ordinances enacted by the Borough granted NJNG to use the streets within the Borough and consent to lay, maintain, and operate gas facilities in the Borough. Since the time the consent to use the streets and rights of way expired, the Company represented that it has continued to provide adequate and safe gas service to its customers at tariff rates approved by the Board.

By letter dated October 2, 2020, the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel (Rate Counsel) indicated that it did not oppose the approval of the municipal consent. However, Rate Counsel requested that approval of the petition include certain restrictions.

A hearing in this matter was held on August 17, 2020, and appearances were made on behalf of the Company, the Rate Counsel and Board Staff. No other party participated in the hearing or filed any written submission with the Board related to this matter.

After review, Staff recommended that the Board approve the municipal consent, subject to the conditions set forth in the Board Order.

DECISION: The Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

F. Docket No. GE20030251 – In the Matter of the Resolution of the Borough of Sea Girt, Monmouth County, New Jersey Authorizing Renewal of the Franchise Agreement with New Jersey Natural Gas Company: Resolution 43-2019.

BACKGROUND: This matter involved the approval of a municipal consent granted to New Jersey Natural Gas Company (NJNG or Company) by Borough of Sea Girt (Borough). On March 13, 2020, NJNG filed a petition with the Board requesting approval of the consents for the use of the streets for the furnishing of gas service for a period of 50 years in the Borough, Monmouth County, New Jersey.

This consent is a renewal of a prior municipal consent that had expired. The ordinances enacted by the Borough granted NJNG to use the streets within the Borough and consent to lay, maintain, and operate gas facilities in the Borough. Since the time the consent to use the streets and rights of way expired, the Company represented that it has continued to provide adequate and safe gas service to its customers at tariff rates approved by the Board.

By letter dated October 2, 2020, the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel (Rate Counsel) indicated that it did not oppose the approval of the municipal consent. However, Rate Counsel requested that approval of the petition include certain restrictions.

A hearing in this matter was held on August 18, 2020, and appearances were made on behalf of the Company, the Rate Counsel and Board Staff. No other party participated in the hearing or filed any written submission with the Board related to this matter.

After review, Staff recommended that the Board approve the municipal consent, subject to the conditions set forth in the Board Order.

DECISION: The Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

G. Docket No. GE20030259 – In the Matter of the Resolution of the Borough of Union Beach, Monmouth County, New Jersey Authorizing Renewal of the Franchise Agreement with New Jersey Natural Gas Company: Resolution No. 2019-54.

BACKGROUND: This matter involved approval of a municipal consent granted to New Jersey Natural Gas Company (NJNG or Company) by Borough of Union Beach (Borough). On March 18, 2020, NJNG filed a petition with the Board requesting approval of the consents for the use of the streets for the furnishing of gas service for a period of 50 years in the Borough, Monmouth County, New Jersey.

This consent is a renewal of a prior municipal consent that had expired. The ordinances enacted by the Borough granted NJNG to use the streets within the Borough and consent to lay, maintain, and operate gas facilities in the Borough. Since the time the consent to use the streets and rights of way expired, the Company represented that it has continued to provide adequate and safe gas service to its customers at tariff rates approved by the Board.

By letter dated October 2, 2020, the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel (Rate Counsel) indicated that it did not oppose the approval of the municipal consent. However, Rate Counsel requested that approval of the petition include certain restrictions.

A hearing in this matter was held on August 18, 2020, and appearances were made on behalf of the Company, the Rate Counsel and Board Staff. No other party participated in the hearing or filed any written submission with the Board related to this matter.

After review, Staff recommended that the Board approve the municipal consent, subject to the conditions set forth in the Board Order.

DECISION: The Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

H. Docket No. GE20030260 – In the Matter of the Resolution of the Borough of Spring Lake Heights, Monmouth County, New Jersey Authorizing Renewal of the Franchise Agreement with New Jersey Natural Gas Company: Resolution No. 2019-68.

BACKGROUND: This matter involved approval of a municipal consent granted to New Jersey Natural Gas Company (NJNG or Company) by Borough of Spring Lake Heights (Borough). On March 17, 2020, NJNG filed a petition with the Board requesting approval of the consents for the use of the streets for the furnishing of gas service for a period of 50 years in the Borough, Monmouth County, New Jersey.

This consent is a renewal of a prior municipal consent that had expired. The ordinances enacted by the Borough granted NJNG to use the streets within the Borough and consent to lay, maintain, and operate gas facilities in the Borough. Since the time the consent to use the streets and rights of way expired, the Company represented that it has continued to provide adequate and safe gas service to its customers at tariff rates approved by the Board.

By letter dated October 2, 2020, the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel (Rate Counsel) indicated that it did not oppose the approval of the municipal consent. However, Rate Counsel requested that approval of the petition include certain restrictions.

A hearing in this matter was held on August 18, 2020, and appearances were made on behalf of the Company, the Rate Counsel and Board Staff. No other party participated in the hearing or filed any written submission with the Board related to this matter.

After review, Staff recommended that the Board approve the municipal consent, subject to the conditions set forth in the Board Order.

DECISION: The Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

I. Docket No. GE20030274 – In the Matter of the Resolution of the Township of Shrewsbury, Monmouth County, New Jersey, Authorizing Renewal of the Franchise Agreement with New Jersey Natural Gas Company: Resolution No. 2019-46.

BACKGROUND: This matter involved the approval of a municipal consent granted to New Jersey Natural Gas Company (NJNG or Company) by Township of Shrewsbury (Township). On March 16, 2020, NJNG filed a petition with the Board requesting approval of the consents for the use of the streets for the furnishing of gas service for a period of 50 years in the Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey.

This consent is a renewal of a prior municipal consent that had expired. The ordinances enacted by the Borough granted NJNG to use the streets within the Borough and consent to lay, maintain, and operate gas facilities in the Borough. Since the time the consent to use the streets and rights of way expired, the Company represented that it has continued to provide adequate and safe gas service to its customers at tariff rates approved by the Board.

By letter dated October 2, 2020, the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel (Rate Counsel) indicated that it did not oppose the approval of the municipal consent. However, Rate Counsel requested that approval of the petition include certain restrictions.

A hearing in this matter was held on August 18, 2020, and appearances were made on behalf of the Company, the Rate Counsel and Board Staff. No other party participated in the hearing or filed any written submission with the Board related to this matter.

After review, Staff recommended that the Board approve the municipal consent, subject to the conditions set forth in the Board Order.

DECISION: The Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

J. Docket No. ER20010003– FERC Docket No. EL20-56 In the Matter of Federal Energy Items for 2020 – Station Power.

BACKGROUND: This matter involved Staff, on behalf of the Board, intervening in the above captioned matter at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on October 19, 2020. In response to a complaint, FERC initiated a 206 proceeding ordering PJM Interconnection, LLC to modify portions of its Open Access Transmission Tariff related to station power after receiving a petition for a Declaratory Order on the topic. Station power is the energy required by generators to meet their basic operational needs. Staff recommended ratification of the intervention at this time.

DECISION: The Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

III. CABLE TELEVISION

There were no items in this category.

IV. TELECOMMUNICATIONS

There were no items in this category.

V. WATER

There were no items in this category.

VI. RELIABILITY AND SECURITY

There were no items in this category.

VII. CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE

There were no items in this category.

VIII. CLEAN ENERGY

There were no items in this category.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Approval of Minutes for the September 9, 2020 Agenda Meeting.

BACKGROUND: Staff presented the minutes of the Regular Board Agenda meeting of September 9, 2020 and recommended they be accepted.

DECISION: The Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

After appropriate motion, the consent agenda was approved.

Roll Call Vote:	President Fiordaliso	Aye
	Commissioner Holden	Aye
	Commissioner Solomon	Aye
	Commissioner Chivukula	Aye
	Commissioner Gordon	Aye

AGENDA

1. AUDITS

There were no items in this category

2. ENERGY

Stacy Peterson, Director, Division of Energy, presented these matters.

A. Docket No. ER20060387 – In the Matter of the Application of Atlantic City Electric Company to Adjust the Level of its “Rider RGGI” Rate Associated with its Solar Renewable Energy Certificate (SREC I) Financing Program (2020).

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION: This matter involved the Board considering Atlantic City Electric Company’s 2020 Solar Renewable Energy Certificate (SREC) I True up filing. On June 2, 2020, Atlantic City Electric Company (ACE or Company) filed a petition with the Board seeking approval to adjust the level of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Recovery Charge Rider (Rider RGGI) associated with ACE’s SREC Financing Program (SREC Financing Program) to decrease the rate component (June 2020 Petition). Based upon actual program costs through April 2020, and forecasted costs from May 2020 through August 2021, ACE proposed to recover approximately \$2.35 million of costs associated with the SREC Financing Program. ACE requested that the Board approve its request to adjust the SREC Financing Program component of its Rider RGGI rate from the current per kWh charge of \$0.000334 to \$0.000294.

ACE, Board Staff and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel (collectively, the Parties) conducted discovery in this matter and executed a stipulation of settlement (Stipulation) of all factual and legal issues pertaining to this docket. According to the Stipulation, ACE will implement a revised SREC Financing Program component of its Rider RGGI rate of \$0.000299 per kWh based upon information in the Update.

In response to the discovery, the Company updated the revenue requirement to reflect updated program data through June 30, 2020, and projected program costs from July 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 (Update). As a result of the Update, ACE modified the requested amount to be recovered through Rider RGGI for this program to approximately \$2.39 million, and modified the requested SREC Financing Program component of its Rider RGGI rate to \$0.000299 per kWh, which still represents a decrease from the current SREC Financing Program rate.

Staff recommended that the Board issue an order adopting the Stipulation of the Parties. In addition, Staff recommended that ACE be directed to file revised tariff sheets in compliance with the terms and conditions of the Stipulation prior to December 1, 2020.

DECISION: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Fiordaliso	Aye
	Commissioner Holden	Aye
	Commissioner Solomon	Aye
	Commissioner Chivukula	Aye
	Commissioner Gordon	Aye

B. Docket No. GR20060464 – In the Matter of the Petition of Public Service Electric and Gas Company for Approval of the Next Phase of the Gas System Modernization Program and Associated Cost Recovery Mechanism (GSMP II) (June 2020 GSMP II Rate Filing).

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION: On June 26, 2020, Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G or Company) filed a petition with the Board seeking approval for gas base rate changes to provide for cost recovery associated with certain capitalized investment costs within the extension of the Company's Gas System Modernization Program (GSMP II or Program) (June 2020 Petition). In the June 2020 Petition, the Company sought approval to recover a revenue requirement of approximately \$22.03 million associated with capitalized investments costs of GSMP II, including \$0.049 million of deferred recovery from the previous filing, made through August 31, 2020 not yet recovered in rates.

On September 15, 2020, the Company provided an update reflecting actual data through August 31, 2020 (Update). PSE&G replaced approximately 430 miles of main and 24,802 services through August 31, 2020. The Update supported a revenue requirement of \$19.92 million.

Following the review of the June 2020 Petition and Update, PSE&G, the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel, and Board Staff (collectively, the Parties) executed a stipulation of settlement (Stipulation) resolving all of the issues related to the June 2020 Petition. The Stipulation would allow the Company to recover a gas revenue requirement of \$19.92 million.

Staff recommended that the Board issue an Order approving the Stipulation of the Parties. Staff also recommended that the Board direct PSE&G to file tariffs consistent with its Order prior to December 1, 2020.

DECISION: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Fiordaliso	Aye
	Commissioner Holden	Aye
	Commissioner Solomon	Aye
	Commissioner Chivukula	Aye
	Commissioner Gordon	Aye

C. Docket No. GR20060470 – In the Matter of the Petition of Public Service Electric and Gas Company to Revise its Weather Normalization Charge for the 2020-2021 Annual Period.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION: On June 29, 2020, Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G or Company) filed a petition with the Board seeking approval to adjust its Weather Normalization Clause (WNC) (2020 WNC Petition).

In the 2020 WNC Petition, PSE&G sought approval to recover \$33,742,007.00 from customers over the 2020-2021 Winter Period through its WNC. The base level of normal degree days is defined in PSE&G's WNC Tariff for each month in the 2020-2021 Winter Period. Any excess or deficiency is to be credited or recovered in the following year during the Winter Period through the WNC.

According to the 2020 WNC Petition, the Heating Degrees Days for the 2019-2020 Winter Period were 246.10 days less than the normal heating degree days resulting in a margin deficiency of \$33,939,806.00. Additionally, in an Order dated February 19, 2020 in BPU Docket No. GR19060761, the Board approved, as final, a refund of \$8,201,995.00 over the 2019-2020 Winter Period. Based on customer usage in the 2019-2020 Winter Period, PSE&G refunded \$8,004,196.00. As a result, the remaining \$197,799.00 was applied to offset some of the margin deficiency in this year's filing.

The Company represented that it trued-up the Degree Day Consumption Factors utilized in the determination of the proposed WNC at the end of the Winter Period, and that the revised tariff sheets reflect updated Degree Day Consumption Factors for the 2020-2021 Winter Period.

The Company proposed a WNC rate of \$0.020587 per balancing therm that would be applicable to Residential Service Gas (RSG), General Service Gas, and Large Volume Gas customers.

On September 23, 2020, the Board issued an Order approving a stipulation executed by the Parties. The September 2020 Provisional Order authorized PSE&G to implement a WNC rate of \$0.06101 per balancing therm on a provisional basis for services rendered on and after October 1, 2020. As a result of the September 2020 Provisional Order, a typical residential gas heating customer using 172 therms in a winter month and 1,040 therms on an annual basis would experience an increase in their annual bill of \$7.76, or approximately 0.89%, based upon Delivery Rates and Basic Gas Supply Service – Residential Service charges in effect on September 1, 2020 and assuming the customer receives gas commodity service from PSE&G.

Subsequent to the Board's issuance of the September 2020 Provisional Order, PSE&G made a compliance filing in response to the Board's Order on September 28, 2020 with the revised provisional rate.

On November 2, 2020, PSE&G updated the filing with actual results for the months of June through September 2020, which eliminated any WNC recovery due to the earnings test limitation (September Update). As a result of the September Update, PSE&G no longer sought any recovery for the 2020-2021 Winter Period and is requesting a \$0.000000 rate, effective December 1, 2020. Any over-recovery from the provisional

WNC rate effective October through November 2020 will be returned to customers, with interest calculated at the rate applied to under/over balances of PSE&G's Green Program Recovery Charge, by applying the over-recovery to the Company's 2021-2022 WNC balance in its next annual filing.

Staff recommended that the Board issue an Order approving the stipulation of settlement that was agreed by the parties, that included the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel, PSE&G and Board Staff. In addition, Staff recommended that the Board direct PSE&G to file tariffs consistent with the Order by December 1, 2020.

DECISION: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Fiordaliso	Aye
	Commissioner Holden	Aye
	Commissioner Solomon	Aye
	Commissioner Chivukula	Aye
	Commissioner Gordon	Aye

D. Docket No. ER20030190 – In the Matter of the Provision of Basic Generation Service for the Period Beginning June 1, 2021.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION: This matter involved a recommendation from Board Staff for securing electric power supplies for non-shopping Basic Generation Service (BGS) customers for the period beginning June 1, 2021. The recommendation was to allow the Electric Distribution Companies (EDCs) to conduct two descending clock auctions (Auctions) similar to those approved by the Board for the past 19 years. The Auctions will secure full electricity requirements for hourly-priced service for the largest electric customers, and the full electricity requirements for smaller commercial and residential customers. The Auctions would be conducted in February 2021.

On March 27, 2020, the Board issued an Order opening a proceeding to determine how to procure the remaining one third of the State's BGS-Residential and Small Commercial Pricing and the annual BGS- Commercial and Industrial Pricing requirements for the period beginning June 1, 2021. The Board directed each of the EDCs, as well as other interested parties, to file proposals for the procurement of BGS service, consistent with its March 27, 2020 Order, by July 1, 2020. BGS filings were received from the EDCs via a joint BGS filing (Proposal) on July 1, 2020. Initial Comments were filed on or about September 4, 2020. A legislative-type hearing was held on September 11, 2020. Final Comments were filed on October 5, 2020.

The EDCs jointly proposed two simultaneous, multi-round, descending clock auctions for the procurement of services to meet the full electricity requirements (i.e., energy, capacity, ancillary services, etc.) of retail customers that have not chosen a third party supplier. Additionally, for the BGS year commencing June 1, 2021, Rockland Electric Company (RECO) also proposed to use the same procurement process that the Board approved in November 2017. RECO proposes to enter into a bi-lateral agreement(s) to hedge the cost of energy purchases from the New York Independent System Operator. RECO proposes to conduct the bidding approximately two weeks before the BGS auction. The EDCs jointly proposed two simultaneous, multi-round, descending clock auctions for the procurement

of services to meet the full electricity requirements (i.e., energy, capacity, ancillary services, etc.) of retail customers that have not chosen a third party supplier.

After review, Staff recommended that the Board approve the descending clock auction process, the auction rules, the Board approval process, and the Supplier Master Agreements, with certain modifications, similar to those that have successfully employed for the past few years. Staff also recommended that the Board require the EDCs to file an amended BGS Compliance Filing by December 4, 2020. Staff further recommended that the Board give Staff the authority to review the EDCs' compliance filings, and should Staff find that the EDCs' filings comply with the Board's Order in this matter, grant Staff the authority to issue a Board Secretary's Letter approving the compliance filings.

DECISION: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Fiordaliso	Aye
	Commissioner Holden	Aye
	Commissioner Solomon	Aye
	Commissioner Chivukula	Aye
	Commissioner Gordon	Aye

E. Docket Nos. ER17050499, ER17060671, ER17070752, ER17111150, ER17121278, ER18020157, ER18020158, ER18060656, ER18070711, ER18121290, ER19060763, ER19121509, ER19121540 – In the Matter of the Provision of Basic Generation Service and Compliance Tariff Filing Reflecting Changes to Schedule 12 Charges in PJM Open Access Transmission Tariff.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION: By Order dated November 13, 2019, the Board directed Staff to work with the interested parties prior to the filing of the 2021 Basic Generation Service (BGS) Auction proposals in an attempt to find a resolution to issues related to transmission payments. Between March 2020 and September 2020, Staff convened several meetings with the electric distribution companies (EDCs), the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel and BGS suppliers to discuss issues related to costs that have been collected from customers, but not yet paid to suppliers. One option discussed in the meetings was a letter of credit to be secured by suppliers for their portion of the held funds to be released.

By notice dated September 17, 2020, Staff sought comments on the appropriate percentage of the total held funds that suppliers should be required to post to secure their obligations should a future court decision require the return of some or all of the funds to ratepayers. Comments were received on October 9, 2020 from several parties.

Following consideration of all comments and given the continued delays in issuing Final Orders at Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Staff recommended that funds currently held by the EDCs be released to BGS suppliers, once BGS suppliers have submitted a letter of credit for 50% to secure their obligations. Staff also recommended that the Board direct the EDCs to release the funds held for each supplier upon receipt of a satisfactory letter of credit to secure the obligation and that any such letter of credit include an explicit agreement on remedies should a supplier fail to maintain appropriate credit; fail to refund as required, or if final refund amounts are different.

DECISION: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Fiordaliso	Aye
	Commissioner Holden	Aye
	Commissioner Solomon	Aye
	Commissioner Chivukula	Aye
	Commissioner Gordon	Aye

F. Docket No. EF20110702 – In the Matter of the Provision of Basic Generation Service Pursuant to the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act – Determination on Creditworthiness Requirements for Jersey Central Power and Light Company.

Dr. Benjamin Witherell, Chief Economist, Office of the Economist, presented this matter.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION: This matter involved the Board considering scheduling a public hearing and requesting comments on the plan submitted by Jersey Central Power and Light Company (JCP&L or Company) to mitigate potential adverse impacts to its creditworthiness resulting from recent downgrades by Fitch Ratings and also by Standard and Poor's.

On November 5, 2020, JCP&L notified the Board that on October 30, 2020 two of the three major credit rating organizations, Standard and Poor's (S&P) Global Ratings and Fitch Ratings, took action to downgrade the issuer credit rating of JCP&L and its parent company, FirstEnergy Corporation (FirstEnergy). S&P downgraded FirstEnergy and its subsidiaries to BB+ from BBB. Fitch downgraded FirstEnergy to BBB- from BBB, and downgraded JCP&L to BBB from BBB+.

The third major credit rating agency, Moody's Investor Service, published a rating action on November 1, 2020, one day later, in which it affirmed its rating for FirstEnergy of Baa3 and stated that it maintained a negative outlook on the Company.

All three credit rating organizations cited the same three key factors in their decisions:

- First, the recent termination of the CEO, Chuck Jones, and several other top executives by the FirstEnergy Board of Directors resulting from an ongoing internal investigation;
- Second, several active federal investigations into possible wrongdoing by FirstEnergy and/or its agents related to the enabling legislation and subsequent granting of subsidies to its nuclear-powered generation facilities; and
- Third, an anticipated lengthy leadership transition and needed overhaul of internal controls and governance policies and procedures at FirstEnergy.

On November 5, 2020, FirstEnergy and JCP&L notified the Board that the credit rating downgrades and submitted the required mitigation plan providing assurances and steps to be taken by JCP&L to avoid any additional downgrades.

JCP&L stated in their mitigation plan that current liquidity and available credit and cash on hand are more than sufficient to backstop payments to suppliers of basic generation service for JCP&L's customers.

Fitch Ratings reviewed the liquidity and corporate debt structure and stated that "FirstEnergy's liquidity position is solid," and that as of August 10, 2020, FirstEnergy had undrawn credit facilities of approximately \$2.5 billion and an additional \$141 million of cash or cash equivalents on hand.

Additionally, Fitch noted that the credit metrics of regulated subsidiaries, including JCP&L, are likely to be helped by the continuation of a balanced and supportive regulatory environment.

Overall, the rating agency reports contain a reasonable amount of information explaining the actions taken and factors that could lead to a stable or positive rating change, in addition to factors that could lead to the continued downgrade. But those reports are an investor-focused perspective. The Board's mandate, however, is broader and includes other perspectives.

In an effort to continue to be thorough, comprehensive, and transparent in its review of the Company's mitigation plan and to assess the Company's ability to successfully implement an appropriate mitigation plan, Staff recommended that the Board request written comments from interested parties and the public by December 4, 2020, and hold a public hearing on the mitigation plan on or about December 11, 2020.

DECISION: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Fiordaliso	Aye
	Commissioner Holden	Aye
	Commissioner Solomon	Aye
	Commissioner Chivukula	Aye
	Commissioner Gordon	Aye

3. CABLE TELEVISION

There were no items in this category

4. TELECOMMUNICATIONS

A. Docket No. TO20040285 – In the Matter of Petition of TruConnect Communications, Inc. for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of New Jersey.

Lawanda R. Gilbert, Esq., Director, Office of Cable Television and the Office of Telecommunications, presented this matter.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION: On April 3, 2020, TruConnect Communications, Inc. (Company or Petitioner) filed a Petition with the Board requesting to be designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in the State of New Jersey. TruConnect sought ETC designation to provide Lifeline service to qualifying New Jersey consumers, it will not seek access to funds from the federal Universal Service Fund for the purpose of participating in the Link-Up Program or providing high cost support, which are separate programs.

The Lifeline program is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). USAC is responsible for data collection and maintenance, support calculation, disbursements, and assisting consumers with Lifeline eligibility and enrollment for the program. The program is funded by the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Universal Service Fund, which all customers around the country participate in and contribute to through their telecommunications bills.

To be eligible to participate in the Lifeline program, consumers must either have an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or participate in certain federal assistance programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, Supplemental Security Income, the Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit, or certain Tribal Programs. Lifeline provides up to \$9.25 monthly discount on wireline or wireless telecommunications and/or broadband service for eligible low-income subscribers.

In its Petition, the Company stated that it meets all the statutory and regulatory requirements for designation as an ETC in the State of New Jersey.

Section 214(e)(2) of the Communications Act requires ETCs meet the following criteria for designation as an ETC:

- 1) Common carrier status;
- 2) Offer all the supported services in its Lifeline service offering;
- 3) Offer Lifeline service throughout its designated ETC service area;
- 4) Advertise the availability of Lifeline service; and
- 5) Meet all of requirements for designation as an ETC for purposes of providing Lifeline services.

The company proposed to offer its Lifeline customers the following:

- 1) 1,000 voice minutes;
- 2) Unlimited text messages; and
- 3) 3 GB of data per month at no cost.

By Letter dated October 28, 2020, the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel submitted comments to the Board and it did not oppose approval if the Board determines that the Petitioner meets the ETC designation requirements and approval is beneficial to New Jersey consumers.

Therefore, Staff recommended approval of the Company's petition for designation as an ETC in the State of New Jersey.

DECISION: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Fiordaliso	Aye
	Commissioner Holden	Aye
	Commissioner Solomon	Aye
	Commissioner Chivukula	Aye
	Commissioner Gordon	Aye

5. WATER

A. Docket No. AX18010001 – In the Matter of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Consideration of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017; and

Docket No. WR18030235 – In the Matter of the Petition of Environmental Disposal Corporation with Calculation of Rates under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.

This matter was deferred.

6. RELIABILITY AND SECURITY

A. Docket No. EO20090607 – In the Matter of the Utilities' Response to Tropical Storm Isaias.

James P. Giuliano, Director, Division of Reliability and Security, presented this matter.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION: On August 4, 2020, New Jersey was struck by tropical storm Isaias, a major weather event with destructive wind gusts that disrupted electric utility service to over 1.3 million customers at its peak and impacted approximately 1.6 million customers within the state.

Board Staff review of actions and activities undertaken by each electric distribution companies (EDC) before, during, and after the weather event are presented in this report. Staff's general conclusion was that the EDCs had demonstrated compliance with Board Orders and Directives, yet there are areas of performance where improvement is both warranted and achievable. Staff's recommendations encompassed the following:

- EDC communication and outreach with customers and public officials;
- State-wide deployment of Advanced Metering Infrastructure to identify outages and reduce outage response time;
- Enhanced vegetation management in targeted areas;
- Tracking and valuing infrastructure hardening and resilience projects; and
- Reports and other metrics.

DECISION: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Fiordaliso	Aye
	Commissioner Holden	Aye
	Commissioner Solomon	Aye
	Commissioner Chivukula	Aye
	Commissioner Gordon	Aye

7. CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE

There were no items in this category

8. CLEAN ENERGY

Benjamin Goldstein, Program Specialist, Division of Clean Energy, presented these matters.

A. Docket No. QO20090604 – In the Matter of the Clean Energy Program Authorization of Commercial and Industrial Program Energy Efficiency Incentives Exceeding \$500,000.00 – Passaic County Courthouse Complex.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION: On February 19, 2020, Passaic County submitted an application to the Board under Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) Pay for Performance – Existing Buildings Program pursuant to the New Jersey Clean Energy Program Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program Plan Filing for FY20. The project is located at the Passaic County Courthouse Complex (Courthouse Complex), 71-77 Hamilton Street, Paterson, New Jersey. The applicant requested a total financial incentive of \$578,865.92 for a project that will cost \$2,574,688.23.

The Courthouse Complex comprises three interconnected buildings totaling 282,000 square feet. Through this application, Passaic County proposed to install upgrades such as new interior and exterior LED lighting, air sealing to prevent heat leakage, high efficiency transformers, and a high efficiency hot water heater. Additionally, the county would replace existing fan motors with efficient models that have variable frequency drives, replace the existing steam system with high efficiency gas condensing boilers, and incorporate building management system upgrades to control the complex's HVAC system.

The estimated first incentive, for purchase of the equipment, is \$42,300.00. The estimated second incentive, for completed installation of the system, is \$268,282.96. The estimated third incentive, granted after acceptance and confirmation of required performance threshold data, is \$268,282.96. These incentive amounts are within entity cap guidelines. On an annual basis, the proposed project is anticipated to: conserve 938,434 kWh of electricity and 24,730 therms of natural gas, reduce peak demand by 190 kW, and result in energy cost savings of \$130,059.50. The payback period without incentives is 19.8 years; when factoring in the incentives, the payback period is reduced to 15.3 years.

Based on the certifications and the information provided by the Program Manager and Program Administrator, Staff recommended approval of the application for the total estimated incentive amount of \$578,865.92 and issuance of a standard commitment letter to the applicant, setting forth the terms and conditions of this commitment.

DECISION: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Fiordaliso	Aye
	Commissioner Holden	Aye
	Commissioner Solomon	Aye
	Commissioner Chivukula	Aye
	Commissioner Gordon	Aye

B. Docket No. QO20090605 – In the Matter of the Clean Energy Program Authorization of Commercial and Industrial Program Energy Efficiency Incentives Exceeding \$500,000.00 – Port Imperial South 8-9 Urban Renewal, LLC.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION: On November 20, 2018, Port Imperial South 8-9 Urban Renewal LLC (Port Imperial) submitted an application to the Board under the Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) Pay for Performance – New Construction (P4P–NC) Program pursuant to the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program Plan Filing for FY19 dated June 22, 2018. The project is for a new residential community located at 900 Avenue at Port Imperial, Weehawken, New Jersey. Port Imperial requested a total financial incentive of \$591,377.85 for a project that has an incremental cost of \$1,439,495.60 compared to a project constructed to meet but not exceed the code baseline, with a total cost of \$9,176,615.60.

The new residential community at Port Imperial Building 8-9 will total 480,795 square feet across 11 stories and will include 313 residential units spread throughout floors three through eleven. Multifamily projects incentivized through the P4P-NC Program must achieve at least 15% energy cost savings compared to the code baseline, and this project is anticipated to achieve cost savings of 15.4%. The energy conservation measures proposed through this application are as follow:

- Improved wall and roof insulation;
- High performance window glazing;
- LED lighting and controls;
- EnergyStar certified dishwashers, refrigerators, washers, and dryers;
- High efficiency HVAC split systems;

- Combination heating and hot water boilers;
- Low-flow fixtures;
- Garage demand control ventilation;
- High efficiency make-up air units with furnaces; and
- High efficiency elevators.

The estimated first incentive, for purchase of the equipment, is \$38,463.60. The estimated second incentive, for completed installation of the system, is \$384,636.00. The estimated third incentive, granted after acceptance and confirmation of required performance threshold data, is \$168,278.25. These incentive amounts are within entity cap guidelines. Annually, this project is anticipated to conserve 587,230 kWh of electricity and reduce peak demand by 201.4 kW. The proposed project will also result in estimated energy cost savings of \$66,349.97 per year. The payback period without incentives is 21.7 years; when factoring in the incentives, the payback period is reduced to 12.8 years.

Based on the certifications and the information provided by the Program Manager and Program Administrator, Staff recommended approval of the application for the total estimated incentive amount of \$591,377.85 and issuance of a standard commitment letter to the applicant, setting forth the terms and conditions of this commitment.

DECISION: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Fiordaliso	Aye
	Commissioner Holden	Aye
	Commissioner Solomon	Aye
	Commissioner Chivukula	Aye
	Commissioner Gordon	Aye

C. Docket No. QO19010068 – In the Matter of a New Jersey Solar Transition Pursuant to P.L. 2018, c. 17; and

Docket No. QX20030253 – In the Matter of the Order Addressing TREC Eligibility for Projects Commencing Commercial Operations before Program Establishment.

B. Scott Hunter, Renewable Energy Program Administrator, Division of Clean Energy, Division of Economic Development and Energy Policy, presented this matter.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION: This matter involved the Board considering the eligibility of solar facilities that received their permission to operate prior to the launch of the Transition Incentive program to receive solar incentives.

On May 23, 2018, the Clean Energy Act, L. 2018, c.17 (Act), was signed into law, and directed the Board to adopt rules and regulations to close the Solar Renewable Energy Certificate (SREC) Registration Program (SRP) to new registrations once 5.1% of the kilowatt-hours sold in the State are generated by solar electric power connected to the distribution system (known as the 5.1% Milestone), and continue the efficient and orderly development of solar renewable energy throughout the State.

By Order dated December 6, 2019, the Board ordered the creation of a Transition Incentive (TI) program, comprised of fixed-price, and factorized Transition Renewable Energy Certificates (TRECs). The TI Order required projects seeking eligibility for TRECs to comply with all rules and regulations of the SRP.

On April 30, 2020, the SRP was closed to new registrants. Projects that did not otherwise qualify to receive an extension because of COVID-19 related delays were required to submit their post construction certification packages to the SRP within 90 days. On May 1, 2020, the TI program online portal was opened to new registrants.

On May 18, 2020, a rule proposal for the Transition Incentive program (TI Rule Proposal) was published in the New Jersey Register. The Board adopted the TI Rule Proposal at its September 9, 2020 Agenda Meeting, and the rules became effective on October 5, 2020, commensurate with their publication in the New Jersey Register.

Many of the TI project registrations submitted with permission to operate (PTO) between 2015 and 2019 had SRP registrations that had previously expired or been rejected. The research done by the SRP/TI Program Processing Team shows a diversity of registration activity across these projects. It appears probable that each project has a unique situation with respect to registration activity.

Since the SREC Program and its registration program portal was closed to new registrations on April 30, 2020, and the TI rules do not provide eligibility for projects which commenced commercial operations before the TI Program was opened, Staff recommended the Board waive the rules at New Jersey Administrative Code at 14:8-10.1 and -10.4. Staff also recommended that the Board implement this waiver in a manner that will bound the potential cost impact from expanding eligibility to this unanticipated class of projects.

A project's Qualification Life should begin upon the date of commencement of commercial operations, as evidenced by the date of the Permission to Operate letter issued by the electric distribution companies. But eligibility for the creation of TRECs should be limited to electricity produced on or after May 1, 2020, when the TREC registration program opened.

For projects that qualify, Staff recommended that eligibility to generate TRECs only begins from May 1, 2020, and does not extend back to the date of PTO if that date precedes May 1, 2020.

Since the Transition Incentive Program orders and rules make reference to the SREC Registration program rules, Staff further recommended the Board waive the SRP rules at New Jersey Administrative Code 14:8-2.4(h)(4) and 8-2.4(k), which set time limits for SRP-registered projects to achieve certain milestones.

Finally, Staff recommended that the rules at Title 14:8-2.4(k) and to bound this Board waive that SREC registration program rules' requirement of a post-construction certification package to be submitted within 90 days of commencing commercial operations and, instead, require these projects to submit completed post-construction certification documentation to the TI portal no later than December 31st of this year.

DECISION: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Fiordaliso	Aye
	Commissioner Holden	Aye
	Commissioner Solomon	Aye
	Commissioner Chivukula	Aye
	Commissioner Gordon	Aye

D. Docket No. QO20100630 – In the Matter of Offshore Wind Transmission.

Joseph DeLosa, Office of Federal and Regional Policy, presented this matter.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION: The public policy of the State of New Jersey, as set forth by the legislature and Governor Murphy’s 2019 Energy Master Plan (EMP), is to expand the transmission system to accommodate the buildout of 7,500 megawatts (MW) of offshore wind by 2035. In furtherance of this public policy, the Board formally requests that PJM Interconnection, LLC (PJM) incorporate the State’s offshore wind goals into the PJM transmission planning process, via the “State Agreement Approach” (SAA) set forth in the PJM Operating Agreement

The Energy Master Plan (EMP) explains how “planned transmission to accommodate the state’s offshore wind goals provides the opportunity to decrease ratepayer costs and optimize the delivery of offshore wind generation into the state’s transmission system.

When Governor Murphy issued the EMP, he also signed legislation authorizing the Board to conduct one or more competitive solicitations for open access offshore wind transmission facilities.

On November 12, 2019, Staff held an offshore wind transmission Technical Conference to solicit input from stakeholders on transmission considerations and solutions. Stakeholders noted the benefits of coordinated transmission upgrades in facilitating the delivery of the offshore wind power into the PJM system.

Upon Board approval, New Jersey would become the first state in PJM to initiate a public procurement process to examine whether an integrated suite of transmission upgrades, both onshore and off-shore, could best facilitate meeting the State's offshore wind goals in a more efficient, cost-effective, or environmentally beneficial manner.

While the SAA has existed in PJM's tariff since 2013, no state has yet requested that a project proposal window be opened in response to public policy requirements.

Staff indicated that the State Agreement Approach announcement is not intended to impact the requirements for transmission interconnections included in the first or second offshore wind solicitations. The winners of those two solicitations will interconnect to the transmission system as detailed in the applicable Board orders and guidance documents.

Staff recommended that the Board request that PJM incorporate the State's offshore wind goals into PJM's State Agreement Approach.

Staff recommendation include the Board directing PJM to plan for injections into four substations on the PJM system between 2028 and 2035, as follows:

- 900 megawatts at the Cardiff 230 kV substation in Southern New Jersey;
- 1,200 megawatts at the 230 kV substation in Central New Jersey;
- 1,200 megawatts at the 500 kV substation also in Central New Jersey; and
- 3,100 megawatts at the Deans 500 kV substation in Northern New Jersey.

Additionally, Staff recommended that the Board direct PJM to seek potential transmission solutions for three interrelated components of an open-access offshore wind transmission facility.

Staff indicated that while the recommendation would authorize PJM to open a State Agreement Approach proposal window consistent with the order and authorize the President to execute a study agreement with PJM, the Board is not being asked to commit ratepayers to any particular project or any costs at this time.

At the conclusion of the competitive solicitation window expected in mid-2021, PJM will work with Staff to evaluate the submitted proposals. At that time, the Board will be asked to determine whether any proposed transmission solutions will be selected through the State Agreement Approach. Any project that is selected by the Board would be included in PJM's Regional Transmission Expansion Plan. If the Board decides no projects should be selected, the process will terminate without cost to ratepayers.

Additionally, the Board can terminate the ongoing study process or competitive solicitation at any time. Therefore, Staff recommended that the Board approve the proposed order.

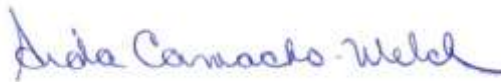
DECISION: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Fiordaliso	Aye
	Commissioner Holden	Aye
	Commissioner Solomon	Aye
	Commissioner Chivukula	Aye
	Commissioner Gordon	Aye

9. MISCELLANEOUS

There were no items in this category

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.



AIDA CAMACHO-WELCH
SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Date: January 27, 2021