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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Post Office Box 350 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350 www.nj.gov/bpu/

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO ITS TARIFF TO PROVIDE FOR AN	)	ORDER SUSPENDING INCREASES, CHANGES OR ALTERATIONS IN RATES
INCREASE IN RATES AND CHARGES FOR	)	FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE
ELECTRIC SERVICE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 AND N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.1 AND FOR OTHER	)	
APPROPRIATE RELIEF	)	DOCKET NO. ER11080469

## Parties of Record:

Philip J. Passanante, Esq., for Atlantic City Electric Company Stefanie A. Brand, Director, Division of Rate Counsel

## BY THE BOARD:

On August 5, 2011, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, Atlantic City Electric Company ("Petitioner" or the "Company"), a public utility of the State of New Jersey subject to the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, ("Board") filed a petition for approval of an increase in its current base rates for electric service of approximately \$58.897 million. including Sales and Use Tax ("SUT"), or 4.1%, to be effective for electric service provided on and after September 5, 2011 as well as for certain other tariff changes. Specifically, the Company seeks an increase in its distribution rates by \$58.395 million, (including SUT) and seeks an increase to its Regulatory Assets Recovery Charge ("RARC") in the amount of \$0.502 million (including SUT). Additionally, the Company is proposing to adjust the manner in which it credits its customers with certain "excess depreciation" expenses as determined by the Board in the 2005 Order issued in connection with BPU Docket No. ER03020110. Specifically, the Company proposes to increase its distribution rates by \$17.071 million for such "excess depreciation" expense, resulting in a total increase in base rates of \$75.968 million and proposes to credit customers \$17.071 million through a new Rider Amortization of Excess Depreciation Expense, which will automatically terminate on August 31, 2013, the end of the Board-directed amortization period for relevant excess depreciation expenditures. According to the petition, the primary reasons for the requested increase are increased capital investments and increased expenses and to provide a reasonable return on the Company's investments.

It appearing that the proposed revisions will increase existing rates and change or alter existing classifications in Petitioner's tariff, it is HEREBY ORDERED that:

- (1) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 (d), the proposed revisions be and are suspended until January 5, 2012;
- (2) Petitioner shall, at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for hearing on the petition by the Office of Administrative Law, file with this Board and with the Office of Administrative Law (33 Washington Street, Newark, NJ 07102) proof of compliance with the Notice provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.2 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12 (b) and (c), which Notice shall include a statement that any relief found by the Board to be just and reasonable may be allocated by the Board to any class or classes of customers on any rate or schedule as the Board may determine; and
- (3) Petitioner shall, at the same time it files with the Board, also file proof of service of copies of this Order upon the Office of Administrative Law, the Division of the Rate Counsel (31 Clinton Street, P.O. Box 46005, Newark, NJ 07102), the clerks of each affected municipality, the clerks of the Boards of Chosen Freeholders of each affected County, and where appropriate, the executive officer of each affected County within its service area. Service of the petition, notice of hearings and this Suspension Order may be made simultaneously.

DATED: 9/22/11

**BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES** BY:

LEE A. SOLOMON **PRESIDENT** 

OMMISSIONER

/JOSEPH L. FIORDALISO COMMISSIONER

NICHOLAS ASSELTA

COMMISSIONER

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public

Utilities

ATTEST:

**SECRETARY** 

## I/M/O the Petition of Atlantic City Electric Company For Approval of Amendments to its Tariff to provide for an increase In rates and charges for electric service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 And N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.1 and for other appropriate relief BPU Docket No. ER11080469

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