

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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		<u>ENERGY</u>
IN THE MATTER OF THE MERGER OF SOUTH JERSEY INDUSTRIES, INC. AND BOARDWALK MERGER SUB, INC.	) ) )	ORDER DESIGNATING COMMISSIONER, SETTING MANNER OF SERVICE AND BAR DATE
	)	DOCKET NO. GM22040270

#### Parties of Record:

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**Colleen A. Foley**, **Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr**, Counsel for IIF US Holding 2 LP, NJ Boardwalk Holdings LLC, and Boardwalk Merger Sub, Inc.

**Kenneth T. Maloney, Esq., Cullen and Dykman,** Counsel for South Jersey Industries, Inc., SJI Utilities, Inc., South Jersey Gas, and Elizabethtown Gas

**Deborah M. Franco, VP/Rates, Regulatory & Sustainability**, SJI Utilities on behalf of South Jersey Industries, Inc., SJI Utilities, Inc., South Jersey Gas, and Elizabethtown Gas

#### BY THE BOARD:

#### BACKGROUND

On April 25, 2022, IIF US Holding 2 LP ("IIF US 2"), NJ Boardwalk Holdings LLC ("Boardwalk), Boardwalk Merger Sub, Inc. ("Merger Sub"), South Jersey Industries, Inc. ("SJI"), SJI Utilities, Inc. ("SJI"), Elizabethtown Gas Company ("ETG"), and South Jersey Gas Company ("SJG") (collectively, "Joint Petitioners"), filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ('Board") seeking authority for approval of an indirect change of control of ETG and SJG ("Joint Petition"). The proposed transaction would be effectuated by a merger of SJI and Merger Sub, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Boardwalk, which is in turn a wholly-owned, indirect subsidiary of IIF US 2 ("Proposed Transaction").1

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Joint Petition at pp. 1-2.

ETG serves approximately 306,000 customers in all or portions of Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Sussex, Union and Warren counties. SJG serves approximately 413,000 customers in all or portions of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem counties. Both gas utilities are wholly owned subsidiaries of SJIU, which in turn is a wholly owned subsidiary of SJI.

According to the Joint Petition, the Infrastructure Investments Fund ("IIF") is a private investment vehicle managing retirement funds of more than 60 million families with a \$20 billion net asset value and gross asset value of approximately \$40 billion mainly invested in critical infrastructure assets. IIF consists of two master partnerships, IIF US 2, the proposed owner in the instant petition, and IIF Int'l Holding L.P., both advised by J.P. Morgan Investment Management Inc. IIF's 18 controlled portfolio companies are located primarily in the United States, Europe, and Australia, and include six utility companies with 10,000 employees serving more than 10 million customers.

## **DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS**

The Board **HEREBY ORDERS** that the Joint Petition be retained by the Board for hearing and, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-32, <u>HEREBY DESIGNATES</u> Commissioner Holden as the Presiding Commissioner with authority to rule on all motions that arise during the pendency of these proceedings and modify any schedules that may be set as necessary to secure a just and expeditious determination of the issues. Further, the Board <u>HEREBY DIRECTS</u> that any entity seeking to intervene or participate in this matter file the appropriate application with the Board by July 8, 2022. Any party wishing to file a motion for admission of counsel, pro hac vice, should do so concurrently with any motion to intervene or participate.

In addition, pursuant to Order In re the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic for a Temporary Waiver of Requirements for Certain Non-Essential Obligations, BPU Docket No. EO20030254 (June 10, 2020), all parties are HEREBY DIRECTED to serve all documents electronically. No hard copies shall be filed until the Board lifts the restrictions imposed in that Order. The Board FURTHER DIRECTS that this Order be posted on the Board's website and served by electronic circulation to the service list.

The effective date of this Order is June 15, 2022.

**DATED:** June 8, 2022

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