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RE: In the Matter of an Audit of the Affiliated Transactions Between South Jersey Gas Company and its affiliates and a Comprehensive Management Audit of South Jersey Gas Company Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-16.4, 48:3-49, 48:3-58 and N.J.A.C. 14:3-12.1 – 14:3-12.4, 14:4-3 et. seq. – Docket No. GA19091305

Dear Ms. Franco and Mr. Lipman:

At its October 12, 2022 agenda meeting, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") voted in favor of accepting "for filing purposes only" the report of Sage Management Consultants in connection with the audit of South Jersey Gas Company as referenced above. Additionally, the Board has authorized the release of the redacted report to the public. The deadline to file comments with the Board and the Division of Audits was set forth as December 2, 2022.

By letter dated October 26, 2022, South Jersey Gas Company filed a request to extend the comment due date from December 2, 2022 to February 15, 2022 stating that more time is needed to address the extensive scope of the Audit Report, which is complicated by other South Jersey Gas Company proceedings currently pending at the Board. The New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel did not object to the request. Board Staff finds the request reasonable. The revised due date for comments will be February 15, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact Alice Bator at (609) 913-6257.

Sincerely,

Carmen D. Diaz Acting Secretary of the Board

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