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NOTICE¹

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 10:4-6 <u>et seq.</u>, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") is giving notice of Special Public Meetings to be held on February 9, 10, 12, and/or February 13, 2015 to discuss and act on the results of the Basic Generation Service ("BGS") Auctions, either individually or jointly. The meeting times and locations are as follows, with all meetings, except the one scheduled for February 11, being held at the Board's office, 44 South Clinton Avenue, Trenton, N.J.

February 9, 10:00 a.m., Conference Room 2W, Second Floor February 10, 10:00 a.m., Board Hearing Room, First Floor February 11, 11:15 a.m., Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting² February 12, 10:00 a.m., Board Hearing Room, First Floor February 13, 10:00 a.m., Board Hearing Room, First Floor

While this notice is provided for all the dates listed herein, the meeting will only be held on one day (or two days if the Board acts upon the Auctions separately), and scheduling is based upon the closing date of the Auctions, as described below.

Docket No. ER14040370 - In the Matter of the Provision of Basic Generation Service ("BGS") for the Period Beginning June 1, 2015.

This matter pertains to the provision of BGS for retail customers who continue to purchase their electric supply from their electric distribution company ("EDC") for the period beginning June 1, 2015.

At its open public meeting held on November 21, 2014, the Board determined that the Auction process that had been established in 2002, and which has since been modified to include a Fixed Price ("BGS-FP") and Commercial and Industrial Energy Pricing ("BGS-CIEP") Auction, has worked well and has resulted in the best prices possible at the time. Accordingly, the Board concluded that, with certain refinements and enhancements, a BGS-FP Auction and BGS-CIEP Auction using a descending-clock Auction format would be used for the procurement period beginning June 1, 2015.

Because of the volatile nature of electric markets, bidders have continually expressed concern about any perceived uncertainty or delay regarding the period between the submission of bids

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² The Board's regularly scheduled agenda meeting on February 11, 2015, will be held at the State House Annex, 125 West State Street, Committee Room 11, Trenton, New Jersey.

and the review of the bid results by the Board. Therefore, prompt certification of the Auctions' results by the Board is critical.

In addition, as the Auctions have been designed to secure supply for all four EDCs at the same time, it is important to the efficiency and economy of the process that bidders do not impute unwarranted uncertainty into the Auction results of any EDC. Therefore, as with past Auctions, the Board will consider the results of the BGS-FP Auction in their entirety and consider the results of the BGS-CIEP Auction in their entirety, and certify the results of each Auction for all of the EDCs or for none of them. <u>The Board, as it has in the past, has committed to address the results of the BGS-FP Auction and the BGS-CIEP Auction at an open public meeting no later than the second business day after the last Auction closes.</u> At its discretion and depending on circumstances, the Board may address the results of one Auction that has closed while the outcome of both Auctions by no later than the second business day after the last will review and consider the last Auction closes. When the Auctions are complete, the Board will review and consider the results within the time frame set forth above. The BGS-CIEP Auction is scheduled to commence on Friday, February 9, 2015.

Because it is uncertain when the Auctions will conclude, and the exact date of the special meeting is not yet determined, the Board hereby gives notice that a special meeting will be convened on February 9, 10, 12 and 13, 2015 at the locations and times stated on page 1 of this Notice (including the February 11 Regularly Scheduled Board Agenda Meeting), so that the Board may consider and act on the results of the BGS Auctions either individually or jointly on any of those days. If the Auctions are not finalized by the last meeting date specified, the Board will give prior notice as to meeting dates thereafter. This notice is not intended to imply or prejudge the date of completion of the BGS Auctions.

Process for Determining When the Auction Results Will be Acted Upon

Because of the need to consider the results of the Auctions in a relatively short period of time, the Board's Secretary will post information on the Board's website (www.nj.gov/bpu/) and at the Board's offices beginning on February 6, 2015, indicating either that the Auction is still ongoing, or specify the details of the meeting at which the Board will consider the Auction results. If the Board's website indicates the Auction is still ongoing, then the special meeting scheduled for the next business day will be cancelled unless the date and time of such a meeting was already posted.

Any questions may be directed to <u>board.secretary@bpu.state.nj.us</u> or by calling 609-292-1554.

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Dated: December 19, 2014

Persons interested in attending the above Meeting who require special accommodations because of disability should contact the Office of the Secretary of the Board at (609) 292-1554 at least three (3) days prior to the Meeting date so that appropriate arrangements can be made.