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)	DATE, MANNER OF
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)	PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE
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)	DOCKET NOs. AX13030197
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Parties of Record:

Mary Patricia Keefe, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. Stefanie A. Brand, Esq., Director, New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel

BY COMMISSIONER MARY-ANNA HOLDEN:

By Order dated November 22, 2013 ("November Order"), in response to a petition filed with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") by Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc., d/b/a Elizabethtown Gas ("Elizabethtown") for approval of its Elizabethtown Natural Gas Distribution Utility Reinforcement Effort ("ENDURE") Program to "harden and protect the Company's infrastructure against damage from future major storm events" and to assist the Company "in developing a more robust capability to effective communicate with customers and public officials during and after weather related emergencies," the Board retained the matter for hearing, and designated me as the presiding Commissioner with authority to rule on all motions that arise during the proceeding, and to set a schedule that will secure a just and expeditious determination of the issues.

To aid in the setting of an appropriate schedule, I <u>HEREBY ORDER</u> that all requests to intervene or participate be filed on or before January 16, 2014.

Further, I <u>HEREBY ISSUE</u> the attached as a preliminary schedule for this matter, and <u>HEREBY ORDER</u> that any comments regarding as to the dates contained in the proposed schedule be filed on or before January 16, 2014. The schedule will be finalized after comments are filed with the Board.

Consistent with the Board's November Order, I HEREBY DIRECT that all documents shall be

served by electronic mail, while still providing hard copies to the Board for those documents which must be filed with the Board, with hard copies to each party upon request.

I HEREBY DIRECT that this Order be posted on the Board's website.

This provisional ruling is subject to ratification or other alteration by the Board as it deems appropriate during the proceedings in this matter.

DATED: January 6, 2014

BY:

Mary-Anna Holden

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF PIVOTAL UTILITY HOLDINGS, INC. d/b/a ELIZABETHTOWN GAS FOR APPROVAL OF THE ELIZABETHTOWN NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION UTILITY REINFORCEMENT EFFORT PROGRAM AND DEFFERED ACCOUNTING TREATMENT

Docket Nos. AX13030197 & GO13090826

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PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

January 16, 2014: Deadline for filing requests for intervention/participation

January 27, 2014: Deadline for first round of discovery

February 10, 2014: Deadline for responses to first round of discovery

February 2014: Public hearings

February 20, 2014: Deadline for second round of discovery

March 6, 2014: Deadline for responses to second round of discovery

Date to be determined: Settlement discussions/discovery conference

March 18, 2014: Deadline for Rate Counsel and Interveners to file direct testimony

April 1, 2014: Deadline for discovery on Rate Counsel and Intervener testimony

April 15, 2014: Deadline for rebuttal testimony by Company and Interveners

April 25, 2014: Discovery on rebuttal testimony – all parties

May 9, 2014: Deadline for responses to discovery on rebuttal testimony - all parties

Evidentiary hearings with live sur-rebuttal (subject to Commissioner's availability in May 2014)

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Date to be determined: Deadline for filing initial and reply briefs

July 2014: Anticipated Board action

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