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DIVISION OF ENERGY

I/M/O THE PETITION OF ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY (ACE) FOR APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT FERC-APPROVED CHANGES TO ACE'S RETAIL TRANSMISSION (FORMULA) RATE PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 15.9 OF THE BGS-FP AND BGS-CIEP SUPPLIER MASTER AGREEMENTS	)	ORDER APPROVING IMPLEMENTATION AND RECOVERY OF NEW TRANSMISSION RATES AND TARIFF CHANGES
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(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD<sup>1</sup>:

On July 5, 2007 Atlantic City Electric Company ("ACE", "Company", or "Petitioner") filed a Petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") requesting approval to implement changes to its retail transmission rates charged to suppliers of Fixed Price and Commercial and Industrial Basic Generation Service ("BGS-FP" and "BGS-CIEP") as filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC"). In addition, the Company requested that the affected BGS suppliers receive the appropriate compensation to account for the rate adjustment(s) detailed in the petition, subject to the terms and conditions of the appropriate BGS-FP and BGS-CIEP Supplier Master Agreement(s) ("SMA"), retroactive to June 1, 2005.

Background

As part of a settlement approved by FERC on August 9, 2004<sup>2</sup>, certain transmission owners in PJM Interconnect, L.L.C. ("PJM"), including ACE, agreed to re-examine their existing transmission rates and propose a method (such as a formula rate) to harmonize the new and existing transmission investments by January 31, 2005. It was anticipated that such new rate (if any) would go into effect on or by June 1, 2005.

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<sup>1</sup> Commissioner Christine V. Bator recused herself on this matter pending the resolution of questions related to a potential conflict of interest.

<sup>2</sup> See *Allegheny Power System Operating Companies, et al.* 108 FERC ¶61.167 (2004).

On or about January 31, 2005, the Petitioner, among others, filed a formula rate for determining the wholesale transmission revenue requirements applicable in its PJM rate zone pursuant to the PJM tariff. The objective of the formula rate filing was to establish a just and reasonable method for determining transmission revenue requirements for the affected transmission pricing zones, which would reflect existing and new transmission investments on a current basis. The formula rate tracks increases and decreases in costs such that no under-recovery, and no over-recovery, of actual costs will occur. In the formula rate filing, ACE committed to populate the formula with actual data from its filed FERC Form 1 for calendar year 2004, and to post that information on the PJM website no later than May 1, 2004.

On March 20, 2006, certain transmission owners within PJM filed an uncontested settlement in FERC Docket No. ER04-515-000 (the "Settlement"). The Settlement was approved by FERC on or about April 19, 2006. FERC also accepted the revised tariff sheets for filing effective June 1, 2005. The formula rate implementation protocols included provisions for an annual update to the Annual Transmission Revenue Requirements based on current levels of costs, and the reconciliation of prior period costs and revenues. In addition, the Settlement provided that "on or before May 15 of each year [ACE] shall recalculate its [Transmission Rate], produce an "Annual Update" for the upcoming year, (1) post such Annual Update on PJM's Internet Website and; (2) file such Annual Update with FERC as an informational filing. The Company, in accordance with these protocols, filed an update to the formula rate at FERC on or about May 15, 2006. The information update was accepted by FERC on or about April 3, 2007, and became effective as of June 1, 2006. Similarly, the Company filed an update to the formula rate on May 15, 2007 to be effective June 1, 2007.

### BGS Supplier Master Agreements

Section 15.9 of the BGS Supplier Master Agreements ("SMA"), approved by the Board for inclusion in the SMA in its December 2, 2003 Order<sup>3</sup> provides a means for increasing (or decreasing) the rates paid by the Electric Distribution Companies ("EDCs") to BGS Suppliers to compensate suppliers for FERC-approved rate increases (or decreases) for Firm Transmission Services. The section provides that rate increases for Firm Transmission Services include approved changes to any charge or surcharge imposed on customers receiving Firm Transmission Services. Section 15.9 further provides that if, during the term of the SMA, a filing is made with the FERC to increase the rates for Firm Transmission Services, the EDCs will seek approval from the Board to increase the rates charged to BGS customers by the amount of such rate increase for Firm Transmission Services. Upon receipt of Board approval for the increase in rates charged to BGS Customers, the EDCs would begin collecting the increase from BGS customers, tracking that portion of the rates charged to BGS customers attributable to the rate increase, and retaining such tracked amounts for the ultimate benefit of the BGS suppliers. Upon approval by FERC of a proposed rate increase, in a Final FERC Order not subject to refund, the EDCs would increase, by the amount approved by the Board, the BGS-FP auction price paid to BGS-FP suppliers, and the BGS-CIEP Transmission Charge paid to BGS-CIEP suppliers, and would pay to each BGS supplier, in proportion to its BGS Supplier Responsibility Share, the amounts tracked and retained for the benefit of BGS Suppliers until the date the final FERC approval was received.

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<sup>3</sup> IMO the Provision of Basic Generation Service for Year Two of the Post-Transition Period. BPU Dkt. No. EO03050394. December 2, 2003.

In its March 24, 2006 Order<sup>4</sup>, the Board directed the parties to revisit the terms and conditions of the Supplier Master Agreements. One issue raised by several parties related to Section 15.9 of the Board-approved BGS-FP and BGS-CIEP SMAs. The Department of the Public Advocate, Division of Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel") filed comments requesting that the Board eliminate Section 15.9 of the SMA arguing that it is not consistent with the purpose of the BGS-FP Auction, which they claimed was to obtain a fixed price for customers. After considering the arguments of several parties, the Board denied Rate Counsel's request to eliminate Section 15.9 of the SMAs and approved Section 15.9 of the SMAs as filed by the EDCs stating that based on the information available at the time, the risks to BGS customers outweighs any potential benefits of eliminating Section 15.9 of the SMAs.

### Company's Request

In the instant petition, the Company requested approval for the Company to implement changes in its retail transmission rates, as filed with FERC. The Petitioner filed revised tariffs reflecting the changes in BGS-FP and BGS-CIEP charges to customers resulting from a change in the FERC-approved Transmission Rates. The revised tariffs are based upon filings that the Company made with FERC under the terms of the Settlement on or about January 31, 2005; April 30, 2005; May 15, 2006; and May 15, 2007, regarding the Company's use of a formula rate for recovery of transmission-related revenue requirements. The Company has modified the Transmission Rates in the filing in accordance with the Board-approved methodology contained in the Company-Specific Addenda provided pursuant to the BGS dockets listed in footnote 3.<sup>5</sup>

In addition, the Company requests that the affected BGS suppliers receive the appropriate compensation for the rate adjustment(s) detailed in the petition, subject to the terms and conditions of the appropriate BGS-FP and BGS-CIEP SMAs, retroactive to June 1, 2005.

### DISCUSSION AND FINDING

Having reviewed the documents submitted in this matter, including the Petition, the Board **HEREBY FINDS** that the implementation of the changes to the Petitioner's retail transmission (formula) rates is reasonable and in the public interest.

The pass through of FERC-approved changes in rates for Firm Transmission Service is effectuated by Section 15.9 of the SMAs. The Board has, in several previous BGS orders, found the pass through of any changes in the network integration transmission charge, and other charges associated with the FERC-approved Open Access Transmission Tariff appropriate. In accordance with ¶¶ 15.9(a)(iii) and (iv) of the BGS-FP and BGS-CIEP SMAs, the Board **HEREBY ORDERS** the Petitioner to track amounts associated with the rate change to BGS Suppliers until receipt of final FERC action on the 2007 informational filing. The Board **FURTHER ORDERS** ACE to compensate the affected BGS suppliers for the rate adjustment(s) detailed in the petition, subject to the terms and conditions of the appropriate BGS-FP and BGS-CIEP SMAs, retroactive to June 1, 2005.

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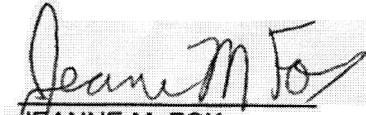
<sup>4</sup> IMO the Provision of Basic Generation Service for the Period Beginning June 1, 2007. BPU Dkt. No. EO06020119. December 22, 2006.

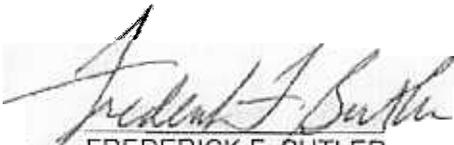
<sup>5</sup> Relevant Board dockets include BPU Docket Nos. EO03050394; EO04040288; EO05040317; and EO06020119.

Further, the Board HEREBY DIRECTS the Company to file tariffs consistent with the Board's findings within five (5) business days of this Board Order.

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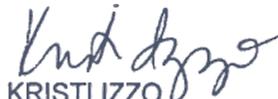
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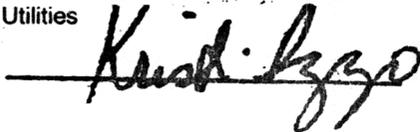
  
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