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PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY -IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE-ELECTRIC VEHICLE AND ENERGY STORAGE ("CEF-EVES") PROGRAM ON A REGULATED BASIS **CLEAN ENERGY**

ORDER DESIGNATING A COMMISSIONER, SETTING A BAR DATE AND MANNER OF SERVICE

DOCKET NO. E018101111

Parties of Record:

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BY THE BOARD:1

BACKGROUND

On October 11, 2018, Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G" or "Company") filed a petition with the Board seeking approval for its Clean Energy Future—Electric Vehicle and Energy Storage Program ("CEF-EVES Program" or "Program"). The Company asserts that the Program furthers the State's goals by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, creating "green jobs", launching the electric vehicle industry and energy storage technologies in New Jersey and making the electric grid more reliable, resilient and safe. (Petition at 2.)

The Company requests that the proposed CEF-EVES Program be approved on an expedited basis through a new Technology Innovation Charge ("TIC") in accordance with N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and 48:2-21.1. The rate impact for the CEF-EVES Program for a typical residential customer using 750 kWh in a summer month and 7,200 kWH annually would experience an initial increase in their annual bill of \$1.24, or approximately 0.10%, with the expected maximum increase of approximately \$10.60, or 0.86%. (Petition at 12.)

¹ Commissioner Robert M. Gordon recused himself due to a potential conflict of interest and as such took no part in the discussion or deliberation of this matter.

The Company breaks down its petition into two parts—an electric vehicle ("EV") program and an energy storage ("ES") program.

The proposed EV program commits up to \$261 million of investment over a period of six years and approximately \$103 million in expenses. PSE&G claims that the proposed EV program will support the widespread adoption of EVs, including with multi-family and low-income customers. Additionally, the petition maintains that the EV program will have extensive societal benefits including environmental benefits, job creation, supporting schools, mitigation of EV market barriers and increased knowledge of how to optimize the distribution system through smart chargers with two-way communication.

The proposed ES program commits up to \$109 million of investment over a period of six years, with approximately \$70 million in expenses. The ES program will install 35 MW of energy storage capacity across the Company's distribution system. The Company states that ES program is designed to incorporate utility-scale energy storage into the distribution system to optimize electricity costs, support grid operations and facilitate the integration of renewables.

DISCUSSION

The Board has determined that the Petition described above should be retained by the Board for hearing and, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-32, <u>HEREBY</u> <u>DESIGNATES</u> Commissioner Chivukula as the presiding officer. Commissioner Chivukula is <u>HEREBY</u> <u>AUTHORIZED</u> to control the conduct of this proceeding, to rule on all motions that arise during the pendency of this proceeding and to 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 entities seeking to intervene or participate in this matter file the appropriate application with the Board by November 13, 2018. Any party wishing to file a motion for admission of counsel, <u>pro hac vice</u>, should do so concurrently with any motion to intervene or participate.

To further enable the Board to effectively and efficiently carry out its mandate and to allow development of a complete record, the Board <u>HEREBY</u> <u>AUTHORIZES</u> Commissioner Chivukula to set and enforce a schedule for this matter. In the interest of economy, all parties are <u>HEREBY DIRECTED</u> to serve all documents electronically, while still providing hard copies to the Board for those documents which must be filed with the Board, and also providing two (2) hard copies to each party, unless otherwise requested by the parties. Finally, the Board <u>HEREBY DIRECTS</u> Staff to post this Order on the Board's website.

The effective date of this Order is November 5, 2018.

DATED: 10/29/18

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