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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
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ENERGY

IN THE MATTER OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF)
INDIVIDUAL UTILITY TERRITORY ENERGY MASTER) ORDER
PLANS PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF)
THE NEW JERSEY ENERGY MASTER PLAN)
) DOCKET NO. EO08121065

Karen D. Alexander, President and Chief Executive Officer, New Jersey Utilities Association

BY THE BOARD:

On January 28, 2009, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") issued an Order in this docket directing New Jersey's investor-owned electric and natural gas utilities to develop individual utility territory energy master plans addressing the goals and objectives of the New Jersey Energy Master Plan ("NJEMP"). Pursuant to the Order, Public Service Electric & Gas Company, Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Atlantic City Electric Company, Rockland Electric Company, New Jersey Natural Gas Company, South Jersey Gas Company and Elizabethtown Gas Company (collectively, "Utilities") must file individual utility territory energy master plans ("Utility Master Plans") by no later than December 31, 2009.

On August 19, 2009, the Board issued a second Order, recognizing the impact of the implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub.L. 11 1-5) ("Recovery Act") on the various utilities in the State and the development of individual Utility Master Plans. In that Order, the Board extended the due date for Utilities to submit their Utility Master Plans from December 31, 2009 to July 1, 2010. No other changes were made by that Order.

On March 22, 2010, the Board received a letter from the New Jersey Utilities Association ("NJUA"), noting its representation of the interests of the seven Utilities subject to the requirement of submission of the Utility Master Plans. This letter seeks a stay of implementation of the Utility Master Plans requirement until such time as the Governor either develops a new Energy Master Plan or expressly adopts the policies set forth in the current NJEMP. NJUA notes that the current policy is unclear, and, as a result, the parties who should be involved in the development of the Utility Master Plans have not been able to meet and discuss in a manner that would be beneficial to all parties.

The Division of Rate Counsel has indicated that it does not object to the proposed delay.

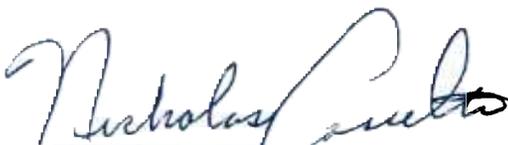
The Board, upon review of the letter and associated issues, HEREBY FINDS that an indefinite delay of the submission of the Utility Master Plans is appropriate under the circumstances. Once the Governor has made clear his intentions on the existing NJEMP, the Board will be in a better position to inform the Utilities of the appropriate time-frame for submission of the Utility Master Plans. Until such time, the submission would be premature and may lead to confusion and the misallocation of time and effort by all involved. In the interest of the continued streamlining of governmental functions, the Board HEREBY FINDS that it is in the public interest to indefinitely suspend the requirement of the Utilities to submit Utility Master Plans until such time as the status of the NJEMP has been made clear. Accordingly, the Board HEREBY SUSPENDS the date for filing of Utility Master Plans indefinitely, until such time as the Board further orders.

DATED: 4/16/10

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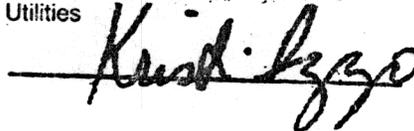


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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public Utilities



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to the Requirements of the New Jersey Energy Master Plan
BPU Docket No. EO08121065**

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