



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
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ENERGY

IN THE MATTER OF A PROCEEDING FOR)	ORDER GRANTING
INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND A)	INTERVENTION AND
COST RECOVERY MECHANISM FOR ALL)	ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE
GAS & ELECTRIC UTILITIES)	
	DOCKET NO. EO9010049
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)	
SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF)	
A CAPITAL INVESTMENT RECOVERY TRACKER)	DOCKET NO. GO09010051

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY PRESIDENT JEANNNE M. FOX:

On January 20, 2009 South Jersey Gas Company ("SJG" or the "Company") submitted a petition for approval of a mechanism called a Capital Investment Recovery Tracker ("CIRT") to accelerate certain capital infrastructure projects. According to the petition, the projects in the CIRT program are incremental in nature and will create jobs in support of the Governor's Economic Stimulus Plan. The Company has identified incremental infrastructure projects totaling \$103 million for the 2009-2010 period. These projects were previously planned for future years. The Company estimates that the projects will directly create 150 to 200 jobs during the construction period.

The Company proposes implementing a CIRT rate of \$0.0094 per therm, including taxes, which would result in an additional \$3.8 million in revenue in 2009. The Company estimates that approval of the proposed 2009 CIRT rate would increase the bill of a typical residential heating customer by 0.57%. As proposed, the revenue requirement and resulting rate would be calculated using projected data. The revenue requirement calculation would include a return on and of investment using the capital costs and depreciation rates approved in the Company's most recent base rate case in Docket No. GR03080683. The CIRT revenue requirement and rate setting processes would be subject to review in a base rate case to be filed by SJG in 2010.

By Order dated January 29, 2009, the Board determined that this matter should be retained by the Board for review and hearing, and, as authorized by N.J.S.A. 48:2-32, designated me as the presiding officer who is authorized to rule on all motions that arise during the proceeding and modify any schedule that may be set as necessary to secure just and expeditious determination of the issues

By letter dated February 11, 2009, Steven S. Goldenberg, Esq. filed a motion to intervene in this proceeding on behalf of the New Jersey Large Energy Users Coalition ("NJLEUC"). According to the motion, NJLEUC is an association of large volume customers which, among other things, monitors regulatory proceedings on behalf of its members, including those serviced by SJG. According to the motion, NJLEUC's members, as large end-use customers of gas service, will be directly and immediately affected by the infrastructure investments and associated rate relief requested by the petition. NJLEUC maintains that it has a unique perspective not otherwise represented, and its participation in this matter will constructively and measurably advance this proceeding as required by N.J.A.C. 1:1-16.3(a). NJLEUC also commits to working cooperatively with the other parties to this proceeding, to the extent possible.

Mr. Goldenberg has also moved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:1-5.2 and 1:21-2 for the admission *pro hac vice* of Paul F. Forshay, Esq. a member in good standing of the bar of the District of Columbia. Mr. Forshay filed an affidavit with the motion asserting that there is good cause for his admission since he has considerable experience representing marketers and large end users in proceedings before the Board and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, he has been requested by NJLEUC to appear in these proceedings, and that he is associated in this matter with Mr. Goldenberg who is New Jersey counsel of record. The affidavit also indicates that Mr. Forshay has satisfied all of the conditions for admission as set forth in R. 1:21-2(a), and that the fees required by R. 1:20-1(b) and 1:28-2 have been paid to the Disciplinary Oversight Committee and the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection.

No objections to the motions were received.

FINDINGS and DISCUSSION

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:1-16.3(a), to determine if a motion to intervene should be granted, the Board considers the nature and extent of the party's interest in the outcome of the investigation, and whether the party's interest is sufficiently different from that of other parties, whether inclusion will add constructively to the case; and whether intervention will confuse or delay the matter. Based on my review of the NJLEUC's motion to intervene and having received no objections after due notice to the parties, I HEREBY GRANT the motion provided that NJLEUC complies with the schedule previously adopted for this proceeding.

Based on review of the motion for admission *pro hac vice* of Mr. Forshay and the supporting affidavit, and no objections having been received, I FIND that Mr. Forshay has satisfied the conditions for admission, and therefore, HEREBY GRANT the motion for admission to practice before the Board for this proceeding only, provided that Mr. Forshay shall:

- 1) abide by the Board's rules and all applicable New Jersey court rules, including all disciplinary rules;
- 2) submit proof of payment of the fees required by R.1:20-1(b) and 1:28-2;

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- 3) consent to the appointment of the Clerk of the Supreme Court as agent upon whom service of process may be made for all actions against him that may arise out of his participation in this matter;
 - 4) notify the Board immediately of any matter affecting his standing at the bar of any other jurisdiction; and
 - 5) have all pleadings, briefs and other papers filed with the Board signed by the attorney of record authorized to practice in this State, who shall be held responsible for them and for the conduct of this cause and the attorney admitted by this Order.

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

DATED: 2/25/09

BY:


JEANNE M. FOX
PRESIDENT

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