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ENERGY/ CLEAN ENERGY

IN THE MATTER OF THE VERIFIED PETITION)
OF ROCKLAND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR) ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL
APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT AN EXTENDED) SCHEDULE
SOLAR RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATE-)
BASED FINANCING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO) DOCKET NO. EO13020118
N.J.S.A. 48:3-98.1)

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BY COMMISSIONER MARY-ANNA HOLDEN:

By Order dated May 23, 2012, ("May 23 Order") In Re Review of Utility Supported Programs (Docket EO11050311V), the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") authorized the extension of certain utility run solar financing programs approved by the Board pursuant to an Order dated August 7, 2008¹.

Consistent with the alternatives authorized in the May 23 Order and to move forward in a timely manner, RECO filed its petition seeking Board Approval of its solar financing program ("SREC II Program") by letter dated February 1, 2013. The Company's SREC II Program is a contract solicitation program that extends its current SREC I Program, with certain modifications. In addition, the Company proposes to assess fees to customers and solar project developers participating in the SREC II Program in order to recover the Program's administrative costs, and to recover any remaining net costs of the SREC II Program through RECO's Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative ("RGGI") Surcharge and to continue to receive an SREC Transaction Fee.

According to the petition, RECO estimates that over a three-year period, it will enter into SREC II-Purchase and Sale Agreements ("SREC II-PSAs) with developers of approximately 4.5 MW of

¹ In Re Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards: Amendments to the Minimum Filing Requirements for Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy and Conservation Programs and for Electric Distribution Company Submittal of Filing in Connection with Solar Financing. (Docket EOO6100744).

installed solar capacity in its service territory. In accordance with the May 2012 Order, RECO is proposing four program segments: (1) net-metered residential ("Segment 1"); (2) net-metered small commercial solar photovoltaic projects less than or equal to 50kW ("Segment 2"); (3) net-metered solar photovoltaic projects between 50kW and 2.0 MW ("Segment 3"); and (4) grid-connected solar photovoltaic projects on closed landfills and brownfields ("Segment 4"). Of the 4.5 MW of total capacity to be solicited by RECO, .25 MW will be allocated to Segment 1; .75 MW to Segment 2; 2.0 MW to Segment 3 and 1.5 MW to Segment 4.

By Order dated March 20, 2013, , the Board retained RECO's petition for review and hearing, and as authorized by N.J.S.A. 48:2-32, designated me as the presiding officer with authority to rule on all motions that arise during the pendency of the case.

By letter dated April 16, 2013, RECO informed me that the company, Board staff and the Division of Rate Counsel, the only current parties to this proceeding, had agreed to establish a procedural schedule. I have reviewed the proposal and **FIND** that it allows sufficient time to develop the record for future review by the Board. Therefore, I **HEREBY SET** the procedural schedule for the RECO SREC II filing as follows:

Public Hearings	TBD
Discovery Requests on Initial Filing	April 26, 2013
Responses to Initial Round of Discovery	May 10, 2013
Motions to Intervene/Participate	April 26, 2013
Response to motions to intervene/participate	May 3, 2013
Responses to Second Round of Discovery	May 20, 2013
Intervener/Respondent Testimony	June 10, 2013
Discovery on Intervener/Respondent Testimony	June 17, 2013
Responses to Discovery on Intervener/Respondent Testimony	July 5, 2013
Rebuttal Testimony	July 15, 2013
Discovery on Rebuttal Testimony	July 26, 2013
Responses to Discovery on Rebuttal Testimony	August 2, 2013
Evidentiary Hearings (if necessary):	August 19, 2013
Position Papers	September 16, 2013
Anticipated Board Action	October 2013

This procedural schedule is conditioned upon the Board approving a stipulation to extend the 180-day deadline for reviewing the RECO SREC II Program, which I am advised will be circulated by counsel for RECO and presented to the Board for its review.

I **HEREBY DIRECT** Board staff to post this Order on the Board's website with the caption "Notice of Procedural Schedule."

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

DATED: *19 April 2013*

BY:

Mary-Anna Holden
 MARY-ANNA HOLDEN
 COMMISSIONER