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DIVISIONS OF CLEAN ENERGY
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IN THE MATTER OF THE VERIFIED PETITION) ORDER SUSPENDING THE
OF JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT) PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC)
VEHICLE PROGRAM AND AN ASSOCIATED)
COST RECOVERY MECHANISM) DOCKET NO. EO21030630

Parties of Record:

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Murray E. Bevan, Esq. and Jennifer McCave, Esq., on behalf of ChargePoint, Inc.
Kevin Auerbacher, Esq., Tesla, Inc.
Stephen J. Humes, Esq., on behalf of NJR Clean Energy Ventures Corporation
Nathan C. Howe, Esq., on behalf of Zeco Systems, Inc. d/b/a Greenlots

BY COMMISSIONER ROBERT GORDON:

BACKGROUND

On March 1, 2021, Jersey Central Power and Light Company ("JCP&L" or "Company") filed with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") a petition ("Petition") seeking approval to invest approximately \$49.924 million (\$16.242 million as capital expenditures and \$33.682 million for operations and maintenance expenses) over a four (4) year period commencing January 1, 2022, for an electric vehicle ("EV") program ("EV Driven Program"). As proposed in the Petition, the EV Driven Program would consist of five (5) sub-programs applicable to light-duty vehicles and one (1) sub-program related to consumer education and outreach initiatives.¹

On March 24, 2021, the Board retained the Petition for hearing. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-32, the Board designated me as the presiding officer authorized to rule on all motions that arise during the pendency of these proceedings and modify any schedules that may be set as necessary to secure a just and expeditious determination of the issues (the "March 24, 2021 Order"). Further,

¹ Light-duty, or passenger, vehicles are any two-axle, four-wheel vehicle, primarily designed for passenger travel or light-duty commercial use. N.J.S.A. 48:25-2.

the March 24, 2021 Order directs that any entities seeking to intervene or participate in this matter file the appropriate application with the Board by April 26, 2021.

On May 26, 2021, I issued a Prehearing Order with Procedural Schedule and Order on Motions to Intervene or Participate (the "Prehearing Order").² In the Prehearing Order, intervenor status was granted to ChargePoint, Inc.; Tesla, Inc.; NJR Clean Energy Ventures Corporation; and Zeco Systems, Inc. d/b/a Greenlots.

On July 16, 2021, I issued an Order granting JCP&L's request to implement a 30-day extension for all deadlines and hearing dates in the Procedural Schedule.

Via correspondence dated August 13, 2021, JCP&L requested that the Procedural Schedule be further extended by approximately 90 days ("August 13, 2021 Correspondence") to allow sufficient time to explore settlement issues (the "90-day Proposed Modification"). On August 19, 2021, I issued an Order granting JCP&L's request to further extend the Procedural by approximately 90 days to allow sufficient time to explore settlement issues.

Throughout October and November, 2021, the parties continued to engage in settlement discussions. On November 12, 2021, JCP&L filed a letter with the Board, requesting the procedural schedule be suspended to allow sufficient time to finalize any remaining settlement issues.

DISCUSSIONS AND FINDINGS

I reviewed the letter submitted by JCP&L requesting suspension of the procedural schedule as the parties work towards an acceptable Stipulation of Settlement. Having received no objections from the parties, I **HEREBY SUSPEND** the Procedural Schedule in this matter. The evidentiary hearings in this matter are therefore adjourned until further order.

I **HEREBY DIRECT** that this Order be posted on the Board's website.

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

DATED: November 23, 2021

BY:



ROBERT M. GORDON
COMMISSIONER

² In re the Verified Petition of Jersey Central Power and Light Company for Approval of an Electric Vehicle Program and an Associated Cost Recovery Mechanism, Prehearing Order with Procedural Schedule and Order on Motions to Intervene or Participate, BPU Docket No. EO21030630, Order dated May 26, 2021.

IN THE MATTER OF THE VERIFIED PETITION OF JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE PROGRAM AND AN ASSOCIATED COST RECOVERY MECHANISM - BPU DOCKET NO. EO21030630

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