

STATE OF NEW JERSEY Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Post Office Box 350 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350 www.nj.gov/bpu/

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## **Executive Session**

The Board will announce the approximate length of Executive Session. Open Session will not reconvene until the conclusion of the Executive Session.

## 1. AUDITS

**A.** Docket No. AA25050298 – In the Matter of an Audit of the Utilities' Calculations of Universal Service Fund/Lifeline Program Factors.

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D. Docket No. GA22030141 – In the Matter of an Audit of the Affiliated Transactions between Elizabethtown Gas Company ("ETG") and South Jersey Industries and its Affiliates and ETG's Compliance with Affiliate Relations and Fair Competition Standards and Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act and a Comprehensive Management Audit of Elizabethtown Gas Company Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-16.4, 48:3-49, 48:3-58 and N.J.A.C. 14:3-2.1 – 14:3-12.4, 14:4-5 et seq.

The Board will consider accepting the final audit report from Sage Management Consultants for filing purposes only and releasing 20% retainage fees to Sage Management Consultants.

# **Executive Session (Cont'd)**

#### 8. CLEAN ENERGY

A. Docket No. QO25060329 – In the Matter of Mini Bid Request for Proposal for Contractor Support to Study New Jersey's Long-Term Options to Address Resource Adequacy.

The Board will consider issuing a mini-bid Request for Proposal for a contractor to provide consulting services to assist with a resource adequacy study.

**B.** Docket No. QO21010085 – In the Matter of Modernizing New Jersey's Interconnection Rules, Processes, and Metrics.

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# I. AUDITS

A. <u>Energy Agent, Private Aggregator and/or Energy Consultant Initial</u> <u>Registrations</u>

EE25040194L Harbor Light Energy LLC I – EA

This matter relates to an application for an initial registration as an energy agent.

B. Docket No. TE25030109 – In the Matter of Verified Petition of Pilot Fiber NJ LLC for Authorization to Provide Facilities-Based Local Exchange, Interexchange and Private Line Telecommunications Services in the State of New Jersey.

The Board will consider a petition filed by Pilot Fiber NJ, LLC seeking an order of approval to become a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier to provide Facilities-Based Local Exchange, Interexchange and Private Line Telecommunications Services in the State of New Jersey.

## II. ENERGY

**A.** Docket No. ER25060374 – In the Matter of the Verified Petition of Rockland Electric Company for Approval of Changes in Electric Rates, its Tariff for Electric Service, and its Depreciation Rates; and for Other Relief.

The Board will consider an initial suspension of Rockland Electric Company's proposed rates until November 30, 2025, as well as requests to consolidate other docketed matters.

#### III. CABLE TELEVISION

A. Docket No. CE24050294 – In the Matter of the Petition of Comcast of Central New Jersey, LLC for a Renewal Certificate of Approval to Continue to Construct, Operate, and Maintain a Cable Television System in and for the Township of Cranbury, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey.

The Board will consider the request for the renewal of Comcast of Central New Jersey, LLC's, Certificate of Approval to provide cable television service to the Township of Cranbury for a ten (10) year term.

B. Docket No. CE23100721 – In the Matter of the Petition of Comcast of Northwest New Jersey, LLC, for a Certificate of Approval to Continue to Construct, Operate, and Maintain a Cable Television System in and for the Township of White, County of Warren, State of New Jersey.

The Board will consider the request for the renewal of Comcast of Northwest New Jersey, LLC's Certificate of Approval to provide cable television service to the Township of White for a ten (10) year term.

# IV. TELECOMMUNICATIONS

A. Docket No. TM25030173 – In the Matter of the Verified Joint Petition of Broadview Networks, Inc.; Business Telecom, LLC; Cavalier Telephone Mid-Atlantic, LLC; Conversent Communications of New Jersey, LLC; CTC Communications Corp.; Intellifiber Networks, LLC; PAETEC Communications, LLC; Talk America, LLC; US LEC of Pennsylvania, LLC; and Windstream New Edge, LLC, the Windstream Licensees, and PEG Bandwidth NJ, LLC; and Uniti National LLC, the Uniti Licensees for Approval for Proposed Pro Forma Changes in Indirect Ownership.

The Board will consider a joint petition requesting approval for proposed Pro Forma changes in indirect ownership.

**B.** Docket No. TF25030180 – In the Matter of Verified Petition of PEG Bandwidth, NJ LLC and Uniti National LLC for Approval to Participate in Certain Financing Arrangements.

The Board will consider a request from PEG Bandwidth, NJ LLC and Uniti National, LLC to participate in a debt financing not to exceed \$2.2 billion that will be used to fund the redemption in full of existing notes and certain term loans and to pay any related premiums, fees and expenses.

**C.** Docket No. TE24090727 – In the Matter of the Application of TAG Mobility, LLC d/b/a TAG Mobile for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier.

The Board will consider the petition of TAG Mobility, LLC (d/b/a TAG Mobile, LLC) for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in order to provide Lifeline Telecommunications Service to eligible consumers in the State of New Jersey.

# V. WATER

A. Docket No. WR25060372 – In the Matter of the Joint Petition for an Approval of an Increase in Rates for Water and Wastewater Service and Other Tariff Changes for Middlesex Water Company, Pinelands Water Company, and Pinelands Wastewater Company.

The Board will consider a suspension of Middlesex Water Company, Pinelands Water Company and Pinelands Wastewater Company's proposed rates until December 1, 2025.

## VI. RELIABILITY AND SECURITY

NO ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

# VII. CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE

NO ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

# VIII. CLEAN ENERGY

NO ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

## IX. MISCELLANEOUS

NO ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION



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**B.** Docket No. EO23070446 – In the Matter of the Department of Community Affairs' State Fiscal Year 2024 Universal Service Fund Administrative Cost Budget.

The Board will consider the Department of Community Affairs' Fiscal Year 2024 Universal Service Fund Administrative Expenses.

C. Docket No. EA20110733 – In the Matter of an Audit of the Affiliated Transactions Between Jersey Central Power & Light Company, First Energy Corp. and its Affiliates Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-49, 48:3-55, 48:3-56, 48:3-58 & N.J.A.C. 14:4-3.7(e) and (f).

The Board will consider the recommendations in the Final Report and the comments submitted to the Board regarding recommendations.

## 1. AUDITS (CONT'D)

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# 2. ENERGY

A. Docket No. EX24090717 – In the Matter of a Rulemaking Proceeding to Establish AMI Data Access Standards.

The Board will consider a Notice of Proposal for a new rule, N.J.A.C. 14:5-10 "AMI Data Access Standards", for publication in the New Jersey Register.

B. Docket No. GR25020033 – In the Matter of the Petition of Public Service Electric and Gas Company for Approval of the Next Phase of the Gas System Modernization Program and Associated Cost Recovery Mechanism ("GSMP II Extension") (February 2025 GSMP II Extension Rate Filing).

The Board will consider Public Service Electric and Gas Company's petition to adjust rates related to its Gas System Modernization Program II Extension. The parties executed a stipulation which, if approved by the Board, would result in a monthly increase of \$1.91 for a typical residential gas heating customer using 172 therms in a winter month.

## 3. CABLE TELEVISION

**A.** Docket No. CE25020070 – In the Matter of the Application for Renewal of a System-Wide Cable Television Franchise for Cablevision of Monmouth, LLC.

The Board will consider the application for the renewal of Cablevision of Monmouth, *LLC's*, system-wide franchise to continue providing cable television service to twenty (20) municipalities in the system.

**B.** Docket No. CE17030183 – In the Matter of Cablevision of Hudson County, LLC for the Renewal of its System-Wide Cable Television Franchise.

The Board will consider the release of the Ascertainment Report by the Office of Cable Television and Telecommunications regarding the renewal of the system-wide franchise for Cablevision of Hudson County, LLC.

# 4. TELECOMMUNICATIONS

NO ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

## 5. WATER

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**C.** Docket No. QO25030171 – In the Matter of the Clean Energy Program Authorization of Commercial and Industrial Energy Efficiency Incentives Exceeding \$500,000 – Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission.

The Board will consider a recommendation regarding award of an over \$500,000 incentive to Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission for energy efficiency upgrades under the Large Energy Users Program.

D. Docket No. QW25040187 – In the Matter of the Petition of the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission, in Conjunction with Nexamp Solar, LLC., for a Renewed Floating Solar Project Eligibility Waiver Under the Competitive Solar Incentive Program (P.L. 2021, c. 169).

The Board will consider the renewed petition from North Jersey District Water Supply Commission, in conjunction with Nexamp Solar, LLC, for a floating solar project eligibility waiver under the Competitive Solar Incentive Program.

# 8. CLEAN ENERGY (CONT'D)

E. Docket No. QO24100834 – In the Matter of the Establishment of an Urban Heat Island (UHI) Mitigation Program.

The Board will consider recommendations regarding the Urban Heat Island mitigation grant program and a proposed funding structure.

F. Docket No. QO23030150 – In the Matter of the Implementation of P.L. 2018, c. 17, the New Jersey Clean Energy Act of 2018, Regarding the Second Triennium of Energy Efficiency and Peak Demand Reduction Programs.

The Board will consider providing guidance to New Jersey's electric and gas public utilities to implement the Direct Install program pathway that employs a trade ally model to serve public entities subject to Local Public Contracts Law, Public School Contracts Law, and Community College Contracts Law.

G. Docket No. QO21101186 – In the Matter of the Competitive Solar Incentive ("CSI") Program Pursuant to P.L. 2021, c. 169 – Order Extending the Third Solicitation of the CSI Program.

The Board will consider Staff's recommendation to extend the solicitation window for participation in the third solicitation of the CSI Program.

## 9. MISCELLANEOUS

NO ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION