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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

A regular board meeting of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities was held on April 23, 2025 at the Board's Hearing Room at 44 South Clinton Avenue, Trenton and online @ https://www.youtube.com/live/LM_LpwwG6po?si=WEFlrxyAHMivZRTI.

Public notice was given pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-18 by posting notice of the meeting at the Board's Trenton Office, on the Board's website, and filing notice of the meeting with the New Jersey Department of State and newspapers of broad circulation in the State of New Jersey.

The following members of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities were present:

President Guhl-Sadovy, President
Commissioner Christodoulou, Commissioner
Commissioner Abdou, Commissioner
Commissioner Bange, Commissioner

President Guhl-Sadovy presided at the meeting and Sherri L. Lewis, Secretary of the Board, carried out the duties of the Secretary.

It was also announced that the next regular Board Meeting will be held on May 21, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. and would be a hybrid meeting at the Board's Hearing Room at 44 South Clinton Avenue, Trenton and livestreamed via YouTube.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

After appropriate motion, the following matters, which involved N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7) attorney-client privilege and/or contract negotiations exceptions, were discussed in Executive Session.

4. TELECOMMUNICATIONS

A. Docket No. TO24100781 – In the Matter of Integrity Oversight Monitoring for COVID-19 Recovery Funds and Programs (Capital Projects Fund).

BACKGROUND: This matter concerns New Jersey's participation in the broadband focused grant programs authorized by the Capital Project Fund ("CPF") and compliance with Executive Order 166 ("E.O. 166"), which established the COVID-19 Compliance and Oversight Task Force ("Taskforce") and the Governor's Disaster Recovery Office.

The Office of Broadband Connectivity ("OBC") seeks approval from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") to authorize the selection of CohnReznick, LLP ("CohnReznick") as a Category 3 Integrity Oversight Monitor, based on CohnReznick receiving the highest average technical score from the evaluation committee, in connection with the administration of the New Jersey Broadband Infrastructure Deployment Equity ("NJBIDE") Pilot Program grant funds.

The engagement will commence upon the issuance of a Letter of Engagement and expire on December 31, 2026, or within three (3) months following expenditure of available program funds, whichever transpires first.

B. Docket No. TO25020080 – In the Matter of a Memorandum of Understanding Between the New Jersey State Library and the Board of Public Utilities to Establish a Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program.

BACKGROUND: This matter involves Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") between the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") and the New Jersey State Library ("NJSL"), (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Parties" or individually as a "Party").

The Office of Broadband Connectivity ("OBC") seeks approval from the Board to enter into a MOU with the NJSL to establish a Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program ("DEA").

This MOU involves DEA monies awarded to New Jersey in grants from the National Telecommunication and Information Administration ("NTIA") pursuant to Section 60304(c) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law 117-58, 135 Stat. 429 ("Bipartisan Infrastructure Law").

Pursuant to the MOU, the Board is to distribute DEA Funds to NJSL in an amount not to exceed fourteen million, three hundred ninety-seven thousand, three hundred thirty-seven dollars, and eighteen cents (\$14,397,337.18) so that NJSL can implement its grant program targeted for recipients of the NJSL-administered Capital Projects Fund Community Center Digital Connect

(“CCDC”) grant, a competitive grant program, coordinating Digital Inclusion Week and Forum, and other digital equity-related initiatives.

C. Docket No. TO25040182 – In the Matter of a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Department of Community Affairs and the Board of Public Utilities for Utilization of Nondeployment BEAD Funding.

BACKGROUND: This matter involves a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) between the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (“DCA”). The proposed MOU contemplates a transfer of Broadband Equity and Deployment (“BEAD”) Non-Deployment funding awarded to New Jersey.

The Office of Broadband Connectivity (“OBC”) seeks authorization from the Board to transfer \$20 Million of the BEAD Non-Deployment funding to be disbursed to the DCA through an MOU for the purpose of launching the Public Housing Authority Connect Pilot Program. Board Staff (“Staff”) recommends that the Board authorize President Christine Guhl-Sadovy to sign the MOU on behalf of the Board.

8. CLEAN ENERGY

A. Docket No. QO20110700 – In the Matter of the Contract for a Statewide Evaluator of New Jersey’s Energy Efficiency and Peak Demand Reduction Programs.

BACKGROUND: This matter pertains to the contract for the Statewide Evaluator (“SWE”) of New Jersey’s energy efficiency (“EE”) and peak demand reduction (“PDR”) programs. The SWE, Skumatz Economic Research Associates (“SERA”), currently oversees all evaluation, measurement, and verification (“EM&V”) efforts associated with the Triennium 2 EE programs offered by the investor-owned utilities and New Jersey’s Clean Energy Program (“NJCEP”).

Staff of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) Staff (“Staff”) seeks approval of a no-cost extension of the contract with SERA to begin on July 1, 2025, and end on December 31, 2025 (“Extension”). The Extension would allow the SWE to complete the current EM&V efforts related to Triennium 2 and allocate additional time for Staff to obtain a new contract for the SWE.

Staff recommends that the Board approve the Extension through December 31, 2025, subject to Treasury approval.

B. Docket No. QO21010021 – In the Matter of the Request for Quotation for the Clean Energy Program Administrator.

BACKGROUND: This matter concerns the award of a contract (“Contract”) for an administrator of New Jersey’s Clean Energy Program (“NJCEP”) (“Program Administrator”).

Following the review, evaluation, and scoring by an evaluation committee (“Evaluation Committee”), Staff of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board” or “BPU”) (“Staff”) recommends as follows:

Pending Treasury approval, the Board award the Contract to TRC Companies, Inc. (“TRC”) for a period of up to two (2) years, with no extensions.

In the event the Contract ends prior to the two (2) year term, the amount that TRC receives, and the total amount of this Contract be adjusted accordingly; and

The Contract receive funding from the NJCEP’s budget for Fiscal Year 2025 and anticipated Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027, along with a small portion of federal funds from the School and Small Business Program and State Energy Program.

C. Docket No. QO24100823 – In the Matter of Mini-Bid Request for Quotation for Contractor Support for Marketing and Communication Services for the New Jersey Clean Energy Program.

BACKGROUND: This matter involves marketing and communications services required to advance the goals and statutory objectives of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities’ (“Board’s”) Clean Energy Program (“CEP”).

To effectuate these goals and objectives, on December 18, 2024, the Board authorized Board Staff (“Staff”) to release a mini-bid to the signatories of State Master Contract T3067 (Statewide Advertising and Public Relations Services) to seek quotations to develop and execute a two (2) year marketing campaign for the CEP.

Following an evaluation of submitted bids, Staff recommends the Board approve the award of a contract to The Setroc Group (“TSG”) for marketing and advertising services, which will be funded from the Fiscal Year 2025 (“FY25”) New Jersey Clean Energy Program (“NJCEP”) budget – Marketing and Program Evaluation line, subject to Treasury approval.

D. Docket No. QO21010085 – In the Matter of Modernizing New Jersey’s Interconnection Rules, Processes, and Metrics.

BACKGROUND: This matter involves the release of a Request for Quotation (“RFQ”) to hire a contractor to provide administrative, planning, and pilot-development support for the ongoing Grid Modernization Forum (“GMF” or “Forum”), a collection of workgroups led by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“BPU” or “Board”) with the overall goal of increasing hosting capacity and enabling broader compensation for distributed energy resources (“DER”) services in New Jersey while maintaining optimal safety and reliability standards for the distribution grid.

The RFQ sets the base term of this contract at three (3) years with the option to extend by up to one (1) additional year upon mutual agreement between the Board and the contractor.

Board Staff (“Staff”) recommends that the Board approve the release of the RFQ, subject to Treasury approval, to hire a contractor to provide administrative, planning, management, documentation, and pilot-development support for the Forum.

CONSENT AGENDA

I. AUDITS

A. Docket No. TE24090627 – In the Matter of Verified Petition of NetSpeed LLC for Authorization to Provide Facilities-Based Local Exchange, Interexchange and Private Line Telecommunications Services in the State of New Jersey.

BACKGROUND: On February 8, 1996, the Telecommunications Act of 1996 was signed into law to promote competition and remove barriers to entry into telecommunications markets. To that end, 47 U.S.C. § 253(a) provides that “[n]o State or local statute or regulation, or other State or local legal requirement, may prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting the ability of any entity to provide any interstate or intrastate telecommunications service.” However, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 253(b), the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”), as the State’s regulatory authority, may impose requirements necessary to protect the public safety and welfare, ensure the continued quality of telecommunications services, and safeguard the rights of consumers on a competitively neutral basis that is consistent with universal service.

On September 4, 2024, NetSpeed LLC (“NetSpeed” or “Petitioner”) filed a petition seeking authorization from the Board to provide facilities-based local exchange, interexchange, and private line telecommunications services in the State of New Jersey (“Petition”). Petitioner requested a waiver of requirements that it maintain its books and records in accordance with the Uniform Systems of Accounts (“USOA”) and that it maintain such records within New Jersey. Petitioner requested authorization to instead maintain its books and records in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (“GAAP”) and outside New Jersey.

By letter dated February 18, 2025, the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel indicated that it does not oppose NetSpeed’s accounting relief requests or a Board grant of Petitioner’s request for authority in this matter.

Following review, Board Staff (“Staff”) recommended that the Board approve Petitioner’s request for authorization to provide facilities-based local exchange, interexchange, and private line telecommunications services in the State of New Jersey, and approve Petitioner’s requests for a waiver to maintain its books outside of New Jersey and in accordance with GAAP.

B. Energy Agent, Private Aggregator and/or Energy Consultant Initial Registrations

EE25020085L	Ameresco, Inc.	I – EA
EE25020069L	C.I.S. Energy, LLC	I – EA
EE25020035L GE25020036L	Citadel BPO Solutions LLC d/b/a The Energy Center USA	I – EA/PA/EC
EE24080619L GE24080623L	South Shore Trading and Distributors Inc.	I – EA/EC

BACKGROUND: The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) must register all energy agents, private aggregators, and energy consultants, and the Board must license all third party electric power suppliers and natural gas suppliers (“TPSs”). Annually thereafter, TPSs, as well as energy agents, private aggregators, and energy consultants, are required to timely file annual information update forms and renewal fees for their licenses and registrations in order to continue to do business in New Jersey. N.J.S.A. 48:3-78 to 79; N.J.A.C. 14:4-5.6 to 5.7; N.J.A.C. 14:4-5.8 to 5.9, and N.J.A.C. 14:4-5.11.

Board Staff recommended that the following applicants be issued initial registrations as an energy agent, private aggregator and/or energy consultant:

- Ameresco, Inc.
- C.I.S. Energy, LLC
- Citadel BPO Solutions LLC d/b/a The Energy Center USA
- South Shore Trading and Distributors Inc.

II. ENERGY

A. Docket Nos. BPU EC24100778 and OAL PUC 16061-24 – Patricia Cardinale, Petitioner v. Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Respondent.

BACKGROUND: On April 1, 2025, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) received Administrative Law Judge Matthew Miller’s Initial Decision in the above-captioned matter. The final date of the forty-five (45)-day statutory period in which the Board must consider this matter and render a Final Decision is May 16, 2025. Prior to that date, Board Staff (“Staff”) requested a forty-five (45)-day extension of time to adequately review the record in this matter.

Staff recommended that the Board approve the request for a forty-five (45)-day extension of time and require that a Final Decision be entered on or before June 30, 2025.

III. CABLE TELEVISION

A. Docket No. CE24050293 – 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 East Windsor, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey.

BACKGROUND: On or about January 12, 2021, Comcast of Central New Jersey, LLC (“Comcast”) filed an application with the Township of East Windsor (“Township”) for renewal of municipal consent. On May 23, 2023, the Township adopted an ordinance granting renewal municipal consent to Comcast. Comcast formally accepted the terms and conditions of the ordinance on April 10, 2024. Comcast filed with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) for a renewal of its Certificate of Approval for the Township on May 3, 2024.

After review, Board Staff recommended approval of the proposed Renewal Certificate of Approval. This Certificate shall expire on October 12, 2031.

B. Docket No. CE23010051 – In the Matter of the Petition of Comcast of New Jersey II, LLC for a Renewal Certificate of Approval to Continue to Construct, Operate and Maintain a Cable Television System in and for the Borough of Roseland, County of Essex, State of New Jersey.

BACKGROUND: On or about October 8, 2020, Comcast of New Jersey II, LLC (“Comcast”) filed an application with the Borough of Roseland (“Borough”) for renewal of municipal consent. The Borough adopted an ordinance granting renewal municipal consent to Comcast on June 21, 2022. On August 31, 2022, Comcast formally accepted the terms and conditions of the ordinance. Comcast filed with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) for a renewal of its Certificate of Approval for the Borough on January 26, 2023.

After review, Board Staff recommended approval of the proposed Renewal Certificate of Approval. This Certificate shall expire on July 8, 2031.

C. Docket No. CE24110842 – In the Matter of the Verified Petition of CSC TKR, LLC dba Cablevision of Raritan Valley for Renewal of a Certificate of Approval to Continue to Operate and Maintain a Cable System in the Township of Piscataway, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey.

BACKGROUND: On or about March 31, 2023, CSC TKR, LLC d/b/a Cablevision of Raritan Valley (“Cablevision”) filed an application with the Township of Piscataway (“Township”) for renewal of municipal consent. The Township adopted an ordinance granting renewal municipal consent to Cablevision on December 19, 2023. Cablevision formally accepted the terms and conditions of the ordinance on October 1, 2024. On November 6, 2024, Cablevision filed with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) for a renewal of its Certificate of Approval for the Township.

After review, Board Staff recommended approval of the proposed Renewal Certificate of Approval. This Certificate shall expire on April 30, 2035.

D. Docket No. CE23100739 – In the Matter of the Petition of Comcast of 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 Stafford, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey.

BACKGROUND: On July 8, 2020, Comcast of New Jersey, LLC (“Comcast”) filed an application with the Township of Stafford (“Township”) for renewal of municipal consent. The Township adopted an ordinance granting renewal municipal consent to Comcast on June 27, 2023. On June 28, 2023, Comcast formally accepted the terms and conditions of the ordinance. Comcast filed with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) for a renewal of its Certificate of Approval for the Township on October 17, 2023.

After review, Board Staff (“Staff”) recommended approval of the proposed Renewal Certificate of Approval. This Certificate shall expire on April 8, 2031.

IV. TELECOMMUNICATIONS

There were no items in this category.

V. WATER

A. Docket Nos. BPU WO24070527 and OAL PUC 11823-24 – In the Matter of the Petition of New Jersey American Water for the Authority to Acquire through Eminent Domain Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-17.6 and -17.7 Interests in Property to Ensure the Ability to Access Landlocked the RCA Tank Facilities Located on Landlocked Property Affecting Lands Owned by Joseph Scagliotta & Sons, LLC Known as Block 163, Lot 6, 719 U.S. Route 202, Bridgewater, NJ, 08807.

BACKGROUND: On March 26, 2025, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) received Administrative Law Judge Michael Stanzione’s Initial Decision in the above-captioned matter. The final date of the forty-five (45)-day statutory period in which the Board must consider this matter and render a Final Decision is May 12, 2025. Prior to that date, Board Staff (“Staff”) requested a forty-five (45)-day extension of time to adequately review the record in this matter.

Staff recommended that the Board approve the request for a forty-five (45)-day extension of time and require that a Final Decision be entered on or before June 26, 2025.

VI. RELIABILITY AND SECURITY

There were no items in this category.

VII. CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE

There were no items in this category.

VIII. CLEAN ENERGY

There were no items in this category.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

There were no items in this category.

After appropriate motion, consent agenda items IA, IB, IIA, IIIA, IIIB, IIIC, IIID, and VA

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

Decision: The Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

AGENDA

1. AUDITS

There were no items in this category.

2. ENERGY

A. Docket No. EO23110793 – In the Matter of the Verified Petition of Jersey Central Power & Light Company for Approval of an Infrastructure Investment Program II (“EnergizeNJ”).

Dean Taklif, Division of Engineering, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: On November 9, 2023 Jersey Central Power and Light Company (JCP&L) filed a petition for its approval of Infrastructure Investment Program and associated cost recovery mechanism.

On February 7, 2024 JCP&L amended its petition thereby reducing its proposed investment level to approximately \$930.5 million.

Following discovery and several settlement conferences, the Company, Board Staff, and New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel and New Jersey Large Energy User Coalition executed a stipulation of settlement resolving this matter.

The three-and-a-half-year program will consist of a capital investment of approximately \$202.5 million, which will be eligible for accelerated cost recovery, and an additional \$132 million in base spending that may be recovered in a feature base rate case. JCP&L will also maintain annual baseline capital expenditure levels of \$200 million per year.

The company will recover the revenue requirements associated with the plant placed into service through five rate adjustment filings, consisting of three semiannual filings and two annual filings.

Staff recommends that the Board issue an order approving the stipulation.

Decision: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

B. Docket No. GR24070551 – In the Matter of the Petition of Elizabethtown Gas Company to Revise the Remediation Adjustment Clause Component of its Societal Benefits Charge Rate.

Stacy Peterson, Division of Energy, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: On July 31, 2024 Elizabethtown Gas filed a petition seeking review and approval of the company's remediation adjustment clause component of its SBC and related manufactured gas plant cost for the July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Following review of the matter, the parties executed a stipulation resolving the matter. Based on the stipulation, the monthly bill impact on a typical residential customer using 100 therms in a winter month would be an increase of 78 cents.

Staff recommends that the Board approve this stipulation and direct Elizabethtown to file revised tariffs by May 1.

Decision: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

C. Docket No. GR24070552 – In the Matter of the Petition of Elizabethtown Gas Company to Revise its Energy Efficiency Program Rider Rate.

Stacy Peterson, Division of Energy, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: On July 31, 2024 Elizabethtown Gas filed a petition seeking authorization to modify the Cost Recovery Charge associated with its Energy Efficiency Program Rider. Following a complete review of the matter, the parties executed a stipulation resolving the proceeding. As a result of the stipulation, a typical residential heating customer using 100 therms in a winter month will see a monthly increase of 87 cents.

Staff recommends the Board issue an order adopting the stipulation and directing Elizabethtown to file revised tariffs by May 1.

Decision: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

D. Docket No. GR24070553 – In the Matter of the Petition of Elizabethtown Gas Company to (1) Revise the Clean Energy Program Component of its Societal Benefits Charge Rate and (2) Revise its On-System Margin Sharing Credit.

Stacy Peterson, Division of Energy, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: On July 31, 2024 Elizabethtown gas filed a petition seeking authority to revise the Clean Energy Program component of its Societal Benefits Charge Rate and On-System Margin Sharing Credit. Following a review of the matter, the parties executed a stipulation resolving the petition. As a result of the stipulation, a typical residential heating customer using 100 therms in a month, in a winter month will see an increase in their monthly winter bill of 61 cents.

Staff recommends the Board issue an order adopting the stipulation and directing Elizabethtown to file revised tariffs by May 1.

Decision: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

E. Docket Nos. BPU GR24060371 and OAL PUC 15749-24 – In the Matter of the Petition of Elizabethtown Gas Company to Review its Periodic Basic Gas Supply Service Rate and Conservation Incentive Program Rates for the Year Ended September 30, 2025.

Stacy Peterson, Division of Energy, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: On May 31, 2024 Elizabethtown Gas filed its annual Basic Gas Supply Service and Conservation Incentive Program rate filing. By order dated September 25, 2024, the Board authorized Elizabethtown to modify its BGSS and CIP rate on a provisional basis subject to refund. The parties have now executed a stipulation for final rates, which was approved by Administrative Law Judge Irene Jones. As a result of the stipulation, customers will experience no additional impact upon their monthly bills.

Staff recommends the Board issue an order approving the initial decision and stipulation and directing Elizabethtown to file revised tariffs by May 15.

Decision: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

F. Docket No. ER23070453 – In the Matter of Jersey Central Power & Light Company’s Verified Petition Seeking Review and Approval of the Net Deferred Costs Included in its COVID-19 Regulatory Asset and Establishment of a COVID-19 Recovery Charge (“JCP&L Initial CRC Filing”).

Stacy Peterson, Division of Energy, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: On July 17, 2023, Jersey Central Power and Light Company filed a petition seeking review of and approval to recover the net deferred costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic and to establish an annually reconcilable charge to recover the prudently incurred costs. Following review of the petition and settlement discussions, the parties executed a stipulation resolving the matter. As a result of the stipulation, a typical residential customer will experience a monthly increase of 28 cents.

Staff recommends that the Board approve the stipulation and direct Jersey Central to file revised tariffs by May 1.

Decision: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

G. Docket No. GR24090772 – In the Matter of the Petition of New Jersey Natural Gas Company for the Annual Review and Revision of Societal Benefits Charge Factors for Remediation Year 2024.

Stacy Peterson, Division of Energy, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: On September 30, 2024, New Jersey Natural Gas Company filed a petition seeking approval to modify the Remediation Adjustment and New Jersey Clean Energy Program components of its Societal Benefits Charge. Following a review of the matter, the parties executed a stipulation. As a result of the stipulation, a typical residential heating customer using 100 therms per winter month will see an increase in their monthly winter bill of 57 cents.

Staff recommends the Board approve the stipulation and direct New Jersey Natural to file revised tariffs by May 1.

Decision: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

H. Docket Nos. BPU GR24050364 and OAL PUC 15102-24 – In the Matter of Public Service Electric and Gas Company’s 2024/2025 Annual BGSS Commodity Charge Filing for its Residential Gas Customers Under its Periodic Pricing Mechanism and for Changes in its Balancing Charge.

Stacy Peterson, Division of Energy, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: On May 31, 2024 Public Service Electric and Gas Company (“PSE&G”) filed its annual Basic Gas Supply Service and Balancing Charge Rate filing. By order dated September 25, 2024, the Board authorized PSE&G to modify its BGSS and Balancing Charge Rates on a provisional basis subject to refund. The parties have now executed a stipulation for final rates, which was approved by Administrative Law Judge Irene Jones. As a result of the stipulation, customers will experience no additional change on their monthly bills.

Staff recommends the Board issue an order approving the initial decision and stipulation and directing PS to file revised tariffs by May 15.

Decision: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

I. Docket Nos. ER24110838 and GR24110839 – In the Matter of the Petition of Public Service Electric and Gas Company for Approval of Electric and Gas Rate Adjustments Pursuant to the Infrastructure Advancement Program.

Stacy Peterson, Division of Energy, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: On November 1, 2024 PSE&G filed a petition seeking cost recovery of its Infrastructure Advancement Program Electric and Gas Investments made through January 31, 2025. Following a review of the matter, the parties executed a stipulation which will result in a typical residential electric customer a monthly increase of 15 cents and an increase for the typical residential gas customer of 17 cents.

Staff recommends the Board issue an order approving the stipulation and directing PSE&G to file revised tariffs by May 1.

Decision: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

J. Docket No. ER24060483 – In the Matter of the Petition of Public Service Electric and Gas Company for Approval of Changes in its Electric Solar Pilot Recovery Charge (“SPRC”) for its Solar Loan I Program.

Stacy Peterson, Division of Energy, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: On June 26, 2024 PSE&G filed a petition requesting approval of changes in its Electric Solar Pilot Recovery Charge Rate. Following a review of the matter, the parties executed a stipulation which would result in a typical residential customer seeing a decrease of three cents per month on their monthly bill.

Staff recommends the Board issue an order approving the stipulation and directing PSE&G to file revised tariffs by May 1.

Decision: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

K. Docket No. ER23080632 – In the Matter of the Verified Petition of Rockland Electric Company Concerning the Setting of the Administrative Fee and the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (“RGGI”) Recovery Charge for 2024 Associated With its Solar Renewable Energy Certificate (“SREC II”) Program.

Stacy Peterson, Division of Energy, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: On August 31, 2023, Rockland Electric Company filed a petition seeking a review of the company's administrative costs associated with its SREC-II program through December 21, 2024. As part of the petition, Rockland proposed to maintain its SREC administrative fee of \$30.00 per SREC for calendar year 2024. In December 2023 the Board directed that the administrative fee remain at \$30.00 for calendar year 2024 while the parties reviewed the matter.

The cost associated with the petition has since been included in the company's Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Petition filed in February 2024. The parties have executed a stipulation resolving the August 2023 matter, which results in no bill impact to customers.

Staff recommends the Board issue an order approving the stipulation.

Decision: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

L. Docket No. GR24070550 – In the Matter of the Petition of South Jersey Gas Company to Revise the Cost Recovery Charge Associated with Energy Efficiency Programs (“EET Charge”).

Stacy Peterson, Division of Energy, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: On July 31, 2024 South Jersey Gas filed a petition seeking approval of an increase in its Energy Efficiency Tracker rate. Following a review of the matter, the parties executed a stipulation which would result in a typical residential heating customer using 100 therms per month experiencing a monthly increase of 84 cents on their average winter bill.

Staff recommends the Board issue an order adopting the stipulation and directing South Jersey to file revised tariffs by May 1.

Decision: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

M. Docket No. GR24070549 – In the Matter of the Petition of South Jersey Gas Company to Revise the Levels of its Societal Benefits Clause (“SBC”) Charges and its Transportation Initiation Clause (“TIC”) Charge.

Stacy Peterson, Division of Energy, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: On July 31, 2024 South Jersey Gas filed a petition requesting approval to revise the rates associated with its Transportation Initiation Clause and two components of its Societal Benefits Charge. Following a review of the matter, the parties executed a stipulation. Based on the stipulation, a typical residential heating customer would experience an increase of \$2.13 per month.

Staff recommends the Board approve the stipulation and direct South Jersey Gas to file revise tariffs prior to April 30.

Decision: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

N. Docket Nos. BPU GR24060370 and OAL PUC 16381-24 – In the Matter of the Petition of South Jersey Gas Company to Revise the Level of its Basic Gas Supply Service (“BGSS”) Charge and Conservation Incentive Program (“CIP”) Charge for the Year Ending September 30, 2025.

Stacy Peterson, Division of Energy, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: On May 31, 2024 South Jersey Gas filed its annual Basic Gas Supply Service Balancing Charge and Conservation Incentive Program rate filing. By order dated September 25, 2024, the Board authorized the company to modify its rates on a provisional basis subject to refund. Following a complete review, the parties have now executed a stipulation for final rates, which was approved by ALJ Gertsman. As a result of the stipulation, customers would experience no additional impact on their bills.

Staff recommends the Board issue an order approving the initial decision, the stipulation, and directing South Jersey to file revised tariffs by May 15.

Decision: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

O. Docket No. ER25010024 – In the Matter of the Provision of Basic Generation Service for the Period Beginning June 1, 2024 Compliance Tariff Filing Reflecting Changes to Schedule 12 Charges in PJM Open Access Transmission Tariff.

Stacy Peterson, Division of Energy, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: On January 27 the Electric Distribution Companies filed a joint petition requesting recovery of FERC approved changes in firm transmission service related charges. Based upon the allocation of these charges, the monthly bill for a residential customer using 650 kwh per month will change by approximately the following amounts: An increase of 19 cents for ACE; an increase of \$1.58 for JCP&L; an increase of \$3.53 cents for PSE&G; and an increase of \$2.91 for Rockland.

Staff recommendation the Board approve the changes to the transmission rates requested by each EDC effective May 1. Staff further recommends the Board authorize each EDCs to collect from or refund to customers the costs associated with the FERC approved changes and waive the 30 day filing requirement. Finally, Staff recommends that the Board direct the EDCs to file revised tariffs by May 1.

Decision: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

P. Docket No. ER25040190 – In the Matter of the Provision of Basic Generation Service (“BGS”) for the Period Beginning June 1, 2026.

Stacy Peterson, Division of Energy, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: Two-thirds of the State's Basic Generation Service requirements for residential and small commercial pricing customers are under contract for the period June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027. The Board must determine how the remaining one-third of the BGS requirements for these customers, as well as the State's annual BGS requirements for commercial and industrial energy pricing customers should be procured beginning June 1, 2026.

Staff has recommended that the Board initiate a transparent and public proceeding to determine what type of process should be used for the procurement of BGS, RSCP, and CIEP, as well as the capacity needs of Rockland's non-PJM service area.

Staff recommends the Board approve a procedural order that would result in Board decision on the process in November of this year and would permit procurement process in early 2026.

Further, Staff recommends that the Board direct the EDCs to make a filing by July 1, 2025 describing how they propose to procure this requirement. This should also include a proposal for Rockland for procuring the capacity requirements for its non-PJM service area.

In addition, Staff also recommends that the Board invite all other interested stakeholders to file any alternative proposals by July 1, 2025.

Decision: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

3. CABLE TELEVISION

There were no items in this category.

4. TELECOMMUNICATIONS

A. Docket No. TO24100781 – In the Matter of Integrity Oversight Monitoring for COVID-19 Recovery Funds and Programs (Capital Projects Fund) – Executive Session.

Valarry Bullard, Division of Telecommunications, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: During executive session, a presentation was shown detailing the request for selection of CohnReznick as the Category Three Integrity Oversight and Monitor for the New Jersey Broadband Infrastructure Deployment and Equity Program. The integrity monitor is needed to serve as an important part of the State's accountability infrastructure in developing measures to prevent, detect and remediate inefficiency in the expenditure of COVID-19 recovery funds and provide expertise in program and process management monitoring, financial auditing, grant management, and integrity monitoring and anti-fraud services.

Per Executive Order 166, which established the COVID-19 compliance and oversight task force, the State is required to appoint integrity monitors for COVID related funds. In accordance with this process, an engagement query was issued to the treasury's pool of pre-qualified monitors under blanket contract G4018. Four firms responded and CohnReznick was determined to be the most qualified.

Staff recommends that the Board authorize the selection of CohnReznick as the successful bidder under the engagement query based on the CohnReznick receiving the highest average technical score from the evaluation committee.

Decision: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

B. Docket No. TO25020080 – In the Matter of a Memorandum of Understanding Between the New Jersey State Library and the Board of Public Utilities to Establish a Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program – Executive Session.

Valarry Bullard, Division of Telecommunications, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: Earlier in executive session, the recommendation for the Board to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the New Jersey State Library to implement digital equity initiatives funded by the Digital Equity Capacity Grant. The collaboration leverages the strengths of both organizations to advance digital inclusion, enhanced program access, and provide digital literacy resources across New Jersey. Through this partnership, the New Jersey State Library will support BPU in administering the sub-grant programs to eligible community organizations, including those previously awarded Community Center Digital Connect grants, develop and implement digital literacy training programs in coordination with libraries and community partners, organizing and overseeing statewide digital inclusion initiatives, such as the Digital Inclusion Week and the Digital Equity Forum, and establish a digital inclusion community of practice to share best practices and foster collaboration among digital equity stakeholders. Your approval will ensure that residents, especially those in underserved communities, gain access to

broadband services, digital literacy training and essential online resources. This initiative will play a crucial role in bringing the digital divide and empower New Jersey communities.

Staff recommends that the Board approve the MOU with the New Jersey State Library in the amount of \$14,397,337.18. Staff also recommends that the board authorize President Christine Guhl-Sadovy to sign the MOU on behalf of the Board.

Decision: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

C. Docket No. TO25040182 – In the Matter of a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Department of Community Affairs and the Board of Public Utilities for Utilization of Nondeployment BEAD Funding – Executive Session.

Valarry Bullard, Division of Telecommunications, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: In today's executive session, a request to authorize \$20 million in our Broadband Equity Access and Development Deployment Funding to the Department of Community Affairs to launch their Public Housing Authority Connect Pilot Program. Through this program developed jointly by BPU and DCA, it is designed to address digital access and equity needs in public housing. It will fund initiatives, such as Wifi installation, device access, digital skills training tailored to the needs of the public housing authorities. DCA will coordinate state-level partnerships and procurement to support multiple reducing costs and program administrative burdens. At the same time, the program will support implementation that reflects the lived experiences and priorities of residents, which may differ between public housing authorities.

Staff recommends that the Board authorize \$20 million of the non-deployment broadband equity access and deployment funding to be disbursed to the Department of Community Affairs for the purposes of launching a Public Housing Authority Connect Pilot Program. Staff also recommends the BOARD authorize President Christine Guhl-Sadovy to sign the MOU on behalf of the Board.

Decision: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

D. Docket No. TO23100776 – In the Matter of the New Jersey Broadband Infrastructure Deployment Equity Pilot Program.

Elena Thaxton, Division of Broadband, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: The Office of Broadband Connectivity Staff seeks Board authorization to award capital project funds to five sub-recipients under the New Jersey Broadband Infrastructure Deployment Equity, NJBIDE, pilot program. Reaching this recommendation stage marks a significant milestone culminating over two and a half years of dedicated work since the NJBIDE Pilot program was initiated in September of 2022. This period involved extensive planning, stakeholder outreach, the development of Notice of Funding Availability, NOFA, and a thorough evaluation process, all driven by the dedicated efforts of the Office of Broadband and Connectivity team. I especially want to acknowledge the contribution of key team members whose work was crucial in getting us here. Tina Gupta, who is sitting behind me, our GS specialist, who provided essential mapping and data analysis that was fundamental to evaluating applications and understanding the proposed service areas. Without her, we wouldn't have been able to move forward.

Building upon that essential groundwork, the rigorous evaluation of 22 proposals submitted in response to the NOFA allowed the committee to identify ten projects proposed by the following five applicants as having the strongest potential to meet the program's goals. These applicants were: Verizon New Jersey, Incorporated; City of Vineland; Salem County; the Borough of Penns Grove; and Connect Holding, LLC, also known as Brightspeed. These projects were selected based on their demonstrated capacity to deliver vital broadband infrastructure to unserved and underserved communities, supporting critical needs in work, health, and education. Furthermore, these ten projects represent a significant investment in the expansion of fiberoptic infrastructure into several of the original targeted pilot locations. These include communities within Cumberland County, like the City of Vineland, Salem County, including the Borough of Penns Grove, and Warren County.

Verizon's projects address needs in key urban areas and suburban areas identified in the pilot phase. Crucially this program also allows for expansion to Sussex County through the award to Connect Holding, Brightspeed, addressing connectivity needs there. This delivered geographic spread across diverse cities, urban centers, suburban communities, rural regions like as Salem, Sussex, and Warren counties. It's important because it ensures the benefits of affordable high speed internet reach more residents statewide. By funding these projects, we're tackling the digital divide head on and ensuring New Jerseyans have access to essential online resources for employment, healthcare, and education, regardless of their location.

Therefore, Staff recommends the Board authorize the award of capital projects funds to these five sub-recipients to implement the ten approved projects under the NJBIDE program bringing this extensive preparatory services to a successful conclusion

Decision: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

5. WATER

A. Docket No. WM25040191 – In the Matter of the Petition of New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. for: (1) Approval of its Agreement with Hopewell Borough, Mercer County, New Jersey for the Purchase and Sale of Water System; (2) a Determination that the Purchase Price is Reasonable; (3) a Determination that the Transaction Costs are Reasonable; and (4) for Such Other Approvals as May Be Necessary to Complete the Proposed Transaction.

Dean Taklif, Division of Engineering, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: On April 4, 2025, New Jersey American Water Company filed a petition with the Board seeking approval, among other things, of an agreement between Hopewell Borough and New Jersey American Water Company pursuant to the provisions of the Water Infrastructure Protection Act.

Staff recommends that the Board retain this matter for hearing and designate a presiding Commissioner. Staff further recommends that the Board set a bar date of May 9, 2025 for the filing of motions to intervene and/or participate.

Decision: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

6. RELIABILITY AND SECURITY

There were no items in this category.

7. CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE

There were no items in this category.

8. CLEAN ENERGY

A. Docket No. QO20110700 – In the Matter of the Contract for a Statewide Evaluator of New Jersey’s Energy Efficiency and Peak Demand Reduction Programs – Executive Session.

Alexis Trautman, Division of Clean Energy, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: Evaluation, measurement and verification, or EM&V, is the study and analysis of energy efficiency, or EE, and demand response program performance. It is a necessary process to track and improve program efficacy. The Triennium 1 EE regulatory framework envisioned the hiring of statewide evaluator, or SWE, to oversee the EM&V process.

On March 24, 2021 the Board approved a contract for a three year contract term to begin on July 1, 2021 and on April 17, 2024 the Board approved a one year extension and budget modification of the SWE contract. As discussed in executive session, Staff recommends that the Board approve the contract extension with respect to the SWE contract, subject to Treasury approval.

Decision: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

B. Docket No. QO21010021 – In the Matter of the Request for Quotation for the Clean Energy Program Administrator – Executive Session.

Zainab Durda, Division of Clean Energy, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: This matter involves the award of a contract in response to the request for quotation for a program administrator to manage New Jersey's Clean Energy Program. The Clean Energy Program consists of energy efficiency and renewable energy programs.

The Board approved the release of the RFQ on October 23, 2024. The RFQ was released on November 1, 2024 and bid submissions closed on January 24, 2025. Staff formed an evaluation committee that reviewed and scored each proposal.

Staff's recommending that the Board award the contract to the selected vendor as discussed in executive session subject to Treasury approval.

Decision: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

C. Docket No. QO24100823 – In the Matter of Mini-Bid Request for Quotation for Contractor Support for Marketing and Communication Services for the New Jersey Clean Energy Program – Executive Session.

Henry Gajda, Division of Clean Energy, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: To effectuate the goals and statutory objectives of the New Jersey Clean Energy Program, Staff recommends the Board approve the award of a contract for marketing and advertising services which would be funded from the FY25 New Jersey Clean Energy Program budget, marketing and program evaluation lines, subject to Treasury approval. The specific terms of the award were discussed in executive session.

Decision: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

D. Docket No. QO21010085 – In the Matter of Modernizing New Jersey’s Interconnection Rules, Processes, and Metrics – Executive Session.

Natalie Stuart, Division of Clean Energy, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: This matter involves the release of a request for quotation to hire a contractor to provide administrative planning, reporting, and pilot development support for the Grid Modernization Forum, which has the overall goal of modernizing New Jersey's electric distribution grid. The RFQ sets the base term of this contract for three years with the option to extend by up to one additional year upon mutual agreement between the Board and the contractor, the details of which were discussed in executive session.

Board Staff recommends that the Board approve the release of the RFQ, subject to Treasury approval, to hire a contractor to provide administrative, planning, management, documentation, and pilot development supporting the forum.

Decision: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

E. Docket No. QO21101186 – In the Matter of the Competitive Solar Incentive (“CSI”) Program Pursuant to P.L. 2021, c. 169 – Price Cap Determination for the Third Solicitation of the CSI Program.

Dianne Watson, Division of Clean Energy, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: This item regards the third solicitation of the Competitive Solar Incentive, or CSI, program. The CSI program is open to qualifying grid supply solar installations, grid supply

solar installations in combination with energy storage and to nonresidential net metered solar installations with a capacity greater than five megawatts.

By order on April 17, 2024, the Board issued awards totaling 310.21 megawatts of solar generation and 80 megawatt hours of energy storage in the second solicitation of the CSI program. No bids were submitted in two of the five competitive tranches in which projects could compete; tranche two, grid supply on the build environment, and tranche four, net metered nonresidential projects greater than five megawatts. The solar awarded through this second solicitation is still the most cost effective for ratepayers ever awarded in New Jersey.

In the April 17 order, the Board directed Staff to perform an evaluation of factors that contributed to low competition in tranches two and four and to make any recommendations on tranche adjustments for the next solicitation of the CSI program. Based on extensive stakeholder engagement on barriers to participation and an analysis of obstacles in the second solicitation of the CSI program, Staff recommends changes in the CSI program for the third solicitation, including that the board; (1) establish and maintain a consistent prequalification window for future CSI solicitations; (2) expand tranche two to allow grid supply projects on open land in industrial and commercial complexes, extractive mining sites, and floating solar projects to compete with built environment sites; (3) decrease the capacity in the tranche four in the upcoming solicitation to a total of 15 megawatts and that the capacity of other tranches be adjusted accordingly so that the solicitation target remains 300 megawatts solar generation total and 160 megawatt hours of paired energy storage; and (4) align the CSI program maturity requirements with changes made in the PJM interconnection process so that the Phase One System Impact Study replace the completed Feasibility Study as the accepted maturity marker from PJM; projects evaluated using a Feasibility Study, such as those projects in the Expedited Process, may still use this as a maturity marker.

Staff does not recommend that less mature projects, such as those in PJM's Transition Cycle Two group that have not completed the Phase One System Impact Study, be allowed to participate in the third CSI solicitation.

As for the Solar Act of 2021, the competitive solicitation structure of the CSI program aims to ensure that projects are awarded at the lowest cost to New Jersey ratepayers with incentive values reflective of current market conditions and suitable to provide a long term, guaranteed incentive for developer investment. The Solar Act of 2021 provides the Board the right to establish confidential predetermined price caps for any or all tranches prior to the close of the solicitation. Confidential price caps serve as a protective mechanism for ratepayers against excessive incentive levels in the event of low competition.

Staff recommends that the Board establish confidential price caps for all tranches in which projects will compete during this third solicitation of the CSI program based on an assessment of market conditions. Staff recognizes that the different project types per tranche carry different costs and revenues and have sought to balance the developer's ability to seek a viable incentive with effective ratepayer protections. To do so, Staff recommends that the price caps differentiate among and be specific to the five tranches in the CSI program.

Staff recommends that the Board consider utilizing the mechanism adopted at N.J.A.C. 14:8-11.10(j) on December 18, 2024 to evaluate and, if warranted, make adjustments to any confidential price caps before the close of the solicitation window so that the bid evaluation may proceed supported by the most up to date economic data and allow for successful bids.

Staff recommends that the Board set the solicitation window for the third CSI program solicitation to open for prequalification applications on May 4, 2025 and close to bid submission on July 23, 2025 at 11:59:59 p.m.

Staff recommends that the Board maintain solicitation target of 300 megawatts of solar generation and 160 megawatt hours of paired energy storage.

Decision: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Nay
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

F. Docket No. QO24040224 – In the Matter of the Clean Energy Programs and Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025 – True-Up, Revised Budgets and Program Changes.

Matthew Rossi, Division of Clean Energy, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: The FY25 NJCEP budget was approved by the Board on June 27, 2024. The budget was established in part based upon an estimate of expenses expected to be incurred during fiscal year 2024. Once actual expenses become known on an annual basis, the Board typically approves a true-up budget truing up for the difference between the expenses estimated for budgetary purposes and the expenses actually incurred. Consistent with that practice and now that all expenses actually incurred during FY24 are done, Board Staff is making a true-up recommendation which results in an additional \$79,299,661 available for the NJCEP.

Additionally, a review of the FY25 first quarter program expenditures shows that some program spending is tracking above and some below the original projections. Other program budgets have been adjusted due to participation levels, previous encumbrances and timeline changes. Therefore, the proposed true-up budget also suggests redistributions to align budgets with program performance and other initiatives.

Following the release of a proposal for the draft true-up budget, revised budgets and program revisions, Staff held a virtual informational session on the proposed true-up budget and program revisions. Public comments were accepted through March 28, 2025. Staff have reviewed and considered the comments received.

In addition to the distribution of the available funds, Staff proposes reallocations among programs to align budgets with program performance. Further, Staff updated the detailed

budgets accordingly and revised the CRA, the DCE, the Charge Up New Jersey, Comfort Partners compliance filings to reflect previously approved developments and Board actions. Thus, Staff believes that the proposed changes to the NJCEP budget presents a reasonable approach to maintaining the NJCEP programs throughout the remainder of the fiscal year.

Staff recommends the Board approves the proposed FY25 true-up, revised budgets, and program changes.

Decision: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

G. Docket No. QO22030153 – In the Matter of the Community Solar Energy Program.

Sawyer Morgan, Division of Clean Energy, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: Community solar enables utility customers to participate in a solar energy project that is remotely located from their properties and receive guaranteed savings on their utility bill for their participation. Community solar enables access to clean energy for utility customers unable to install clean energy generation at their own properties. The BPU developed the CSEP with a focus of ensuring that low to moderate income customers can access community solar and that community solar development is pursued without materially compromising the preservation of open space or protected lands in New Jersey.

The Board established the permanent CSEP and proposed program rules on August 16, 2023. The Board opened megawatt blocks for each of the state's electric distribution company areas in two capacity allocations totaling 500 megawatts for energy year 2024 in November 2023 and May 2024. So far 376 community solar projects have been conditionally accepted into the program and three of the four EDC blocks have reached capacity and closed.

On January 24, 2024 Governor Murphy signed L.2023, c.200 into law increasing the goals of the CSEP to 500 megawatts during energy year 2024 and 250 megawatts for energy year 2025.

Staff now recommends that the Board allocate an additional 250 megawatts to the EDC capacity blocks in the CSEP and ADI program to meet the requirements of the statute. Staff recommends that the capacity reopen to new registrations on April 30, 2025 and that projects be accepted in the program in a similar manner as in the previous allocations.

Board Staff conducted a stakeholder meeting for a one year review of the CSEP on December 2, 2024 and solicited stakeholder comment with a list of questions for input regarding the performance of the first year of the program. 17 sets of comments were received. Based on input received, program performance and updates to economic modeling, Staff recommends

updating the incentive that community solar projects receive in the ADI program from \$90.00 per megawatt hour to \$80.00 per megawatt hour for projects that register on or after the effective date of the Board order.

Staff is further recommending a few changes in the program that will be detailed in the Board order. These are with respect to the Community Engagement and Subscriber Acquisition Plan, interconnection applications, and municipal automatic enrollment projects.

Adding hundreds of megawatts of new community solar in the coming years will bring the benefits of clean energy and hundreds of new jobs to the state. Staff recommends the Board approve the changes to the Community Solar Energy program.

Decision: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Recused
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

H. Docket No. QO22080481 – In the Matter of the Opening of New Jersey’s Third Solicitation for Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (OREC); and

Docket No. QO24010061 – In the Matter of the Board of Public Utilities Offshore Wind Solicitation 3 for 1,200 to 4,000 MW – Attentive Energy LLC.

Katharine Perry, Division of Clean Energy, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: This item addresses Attentive Energy, LLC's January 23, 2025 motion to stay the enforcement and suspend the obligations until January 25, 2026 of two specific requirements included in the Board order approving Attentive Energy Two's 1,342 megawatt project as a qualified offshore wind project for which a Board order was issued on January 24, 2024.

The motion requests that the Board maintain the status quo by staying enforcement and suspending the obligations of two requirements imposed by the Board which are Attentive's initial Commitment Security requirements and the second unpaid portion of the RMI Fee requirements.

Board Staff recommends that the Board approve Attentive's motion to stay enforcement of the January 24, 2024 order until January 24, 2026.

Decision: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Nay

I. Docket No. QO25030172 – In the Matter of the United States Department of Energy – State Energy Program – July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

Dustin Wang, Division of Clean Energy, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: The United States Department of Energy provides federal financial assistance and technical support to the states for energy programs through the State Energy Program. This program seeks to promote the efficient use of energy and reduce the rate of growth of energy demand through the development and implementation of specific State Energy Programs.

For program year 2025, the State of New Jersey will receive an allocation of \$1,656,220.00 in federal funding. In accordance with State Energy Program requirements, Staff proposes a State Energy Program Plan, or SEP Plan, for submission to the Department of Energy. The SEP Plan includes \$1,656,220.00 in new funding and \$1,565,500.00 in existing funding to continue supporting the BPU's energy and water benchmark program. The SEP plan also includes \$1,565,500.00 in existing funding to continue a set of electric vehicle programs for non-IOU customers established in program year 2023.

Staff recommends submission of the 2025 to 2026 SEP Plan application to the United States Department of Energy. Staff also recommends that the Board authorize Staff to submit future requests to the USDOE to extend the performance period true-up Market Title budgets, modify Market Title descriptions, or remove Market Titles of the SEP plan if necessary.

Decision: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

J. Docket No. QO21060946 – In the Matter of Medium and Heavy Duty Electric Vehicle Charging Ecosystem;

Docket No. QO25020097 – In the Matter of the Petition of Atlantic City Electric Company for Approval of its Medium-and-Heavy-Duty Electric Vehicle Plan;

Docket No. QO25020100 – In the Matter of the Verified Petition of Jersey Central Power & Light Company for Approval of a Medium and Heavy-Duty Electric Vehicle Charging Ecosystem Program and an Associated Cost Recovery (“JCP&L MHD EV Program”);

Docket No. QO25020101 – In the Matter of the Petition of Public Service Electric and Gas Company for Approval of its Clean Energy Future-Electric Vehicle Medium Heavy-Duty (“CEF-EV MHD”) Program on a Regulated Basis; and

Docket No. QO25020096 – In the Matter of the Petition of Rockland Electric Company for Approval of a Medium and Heavy Duty Electric Vehicle Plan, and for Other Relief.

Cathleen Lewis, Division of Clean Energy, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: This matter concerns filings resulting from the Board's October 23, 2024 order adopting minimum filing requirements that require the state's investor owned electric distribution companies to file medium and heavy duty electric vehicle charging units. Each of the state's EDCs filed their plans on February 27, 2025.

Staff recommends that the Board retain the petitions for hearing and designate a Commissioner to preside over each matter. Staff further recommends that the Board direct that any entity seeking to intervene or to participate in any of these matters file the appropriate applications with the Board on or before May 14. And any party wishing to file a motion for admission of counsel do so concurrently with motions to intervene or participate. Staff further recommends that the Board require that any response to motions be filed no later than May 21, 2025.

Decision: After discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation of Staff as set forth above.

Roll Call Vote:	President Guhl-Sadovy	Aye
	Commissioner Christodoulou	Aye
	Commissioner Abdou	Aye
	Commissioner Bange	Aye

9. MISCELLANEOUS

There were no items in this category.

10. Late Starter A

Energy

Docket No. EX25040210 – In the Matter of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Consideration of Electric Rate Impacts Beginning June 1, 2025.

Bob Brabston, Executive Director's Office, presented in this matter.

BACKGROUND: Late Starter A is here before you today as part of the ongoing efforts to address serious concerns about electric service rate impacts generally, as well as those specifically stemming from the PJM base residual auction from last summer in which the prices increase approximately ten fold.

Since then, at your direction and through the efforts of Staff, this Board has vigorously advocated for reforms in the capacity market at PJM and elsewhere. And while some progress has been made, a lot more remains to be done.

Staff shares your concerns about the potential impacts of the capacity market prices and how they will effect us for bills in New Jersey and we're bringing this recommendation here today in an effort to mitigate the immediate impact of these high capacity market costs.

As you know, these market prices make their way to customer bills in part through the state's annual BGS, Basic Generation Service, auction and we saw those impacts come through the auction as conducted this winter on February 12 when the Board certified the results of the auctions. Based on those results, customer bills are going to increase approximately 17 to 20 percent depending on the distribution company and where the customer resides. And we know these price increases are coming at a time when usage also increases, which constrain finances for families and put affordability out of reach for some customers.

While we only have limited authority over the pricing that comes out of the auction, we've been working hard to identify options to reduce this price shock that's scheduled to hit customer bills and to manage these cost increases.

Therefore, Staff is recommending that the Board direct the EDCs to file petitions with the Board providing distribution side proposals to mitigate bill impacts to residential customers during the high usage summer months to come. These proposals should include, but not be limited to, proposals to defer those impacts and all of their proposals must include all of the supporting calculations for transparency purposes. In order to get these proposals implemented before the start of the 2026 energy year on June 1, Staff is recommending that the petitions and supporting documents be filed on or before May 5. And Staff further recommends that the matter be retained by the Board for hearing, if necessary, and to designate a hearing officer, again, if necessary, should hearings or other procedural rulings be necessary.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Sherri L. Lewis

Sherri L. Lewis
Board Secretary

Date: 9/25/2025