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IN THE MATTER OF DIVISION OF ECONOMIC)	
DEVELOPMENT AND ENERGY POLICY)	
MANAGEMENT OF THE AMERICAN)	
REINVESTMENT AND RECOVERY ACT STATE)	ORDER
ENERGY PROGRAM – INNOVATION IN)	
ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE)	
ENERGY PUBLIC ENTITIES' PROGRAM –)	DOCKET NO. EO09070573
REQUEST FOR BUDGET MODIFICATION)	
BY THE NEW JERSEY MEADOWLANDS)	
COMMISSION)	

Parties of Record:

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BY THE BOARD:

By this Order, the Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) considers and renders its decision regarding a request from the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission (“Petitioner” or “NJMC”) for a line item budget reallocation for the 3MW Solar PV project on the A-1 Landfill funded by the SEP/ARRA grant for Innovation in Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency for Public Entities.

Background

The NJMC is a State agency focused on enhancing environmental quality through the implementation of clean forms of energy.¹ In April 2006, the NJMC announced a major initiative to develop 20 MW of new sources of renewable energy in the Meadowlands District by 2020. The NJMC states that this initiative is anticipated to be an important part of the region’s economic growth strategy while also reducing its carbon footprint. NJMC also states that this

¹ The Meadowlands District is a 30.4 square mile district along the Hackensack River, defined by statute, covering parts of 14 municipalities in Bergen and Hudson counties. N.J.S.A. 13:17-4.

initiative is intended to serve as an example of progressive energy planning for regional authorities and communities throughout New Jersey.

On August 7, 2009 NJMC submitted a proposal for \$10 million in funding for its 1-A Landfill Solar Project in response to a Grant Solicitation issued by the Board, in Docket EO09060470, dated July 6, 2009, for the Innovation in Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy—Public Entities Program, grants to be funded by monies made available through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (“ARRA”) State Energy Program (“SEP”). On October 26, 2009, the Board issued an Order in that docket awarding a grant to NJMC in the amount of \$8.5 million. The Grant Agreement between the Board and NJMC was fully executed on October 28, 2010. All ARRA projects must be completed with ARRA funds disbursed prior to April 30, 2012 or the funds must be returned to the federal government. The estimated cost of the Landfill Solar Project as provided by the NJMC as part of their ARRA grant budget is \$17.7 million.

NJMC Request for Budget Modifications to its \$8.5million ARRA grant

By letter dated October 19, 2011, NJMC filed a letter with the Board seeking an amendment to the approved project budget for the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission 1-A Solar Landfill project as set forth in the October 28, 2010 New Jersey Board of Public Utilities SEP-ARRA grant between the NJBPU and NJMC. The original budget for the NJMC 1-A Landfill Solar Project was based on the assumption that an electrical subcontractor would perform all of the electrical work. Since the award of the original contract, SunDurance Energy, General Contractor, obtained the necessary Electrical License, and shall perform the electrical work in house. As a result, the original budget no longer accurately represents the project’s actual cost allocations. NJMC requests the subtraction of \$900,000 from the “Consultants and Subcontractors” line item, in order to reallocate \$122,800 of that into “Personnel Salaries”, and \$77,200 into “Personnel Fringe”. The remaining \$700,000 will be put into the “Supplies” category for purchase of the necessary electrical equipment.

Findings and Conclusions

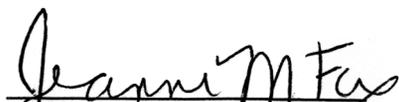
The Board **FINDS** that the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission has met the requirements of its ARRA grant, and should be granted a budget reallocation. This budget reallocation will be monitored by the ARRA team, and upon invoicing, NJMC will be required to supply the appropriate documentation to justify this request.

The Board **FINDS** that NJMC's request to transfer \$900,000 NJMC is a proportionate amount to the electrical materials and labor needed for a project of this size, and **HEREBY APPROVES** the transfer of funds to the necessary alternate cost categories.

DATED: 4/30/11

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
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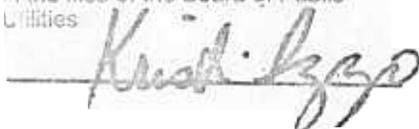

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