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# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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## RELIABILITY & SECURITY

IN THE MATTER OF WILLIAM JAKE JACOBSEN CASTLTON ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRACTORS, LLC	) ) ) )	ADJUDICATORY HEARING REQUEST ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER AND NOTICE OF CIVIL ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY ASSESSMENT (AONOCAPA)
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Parties of Record:

William Jake Jacobsen, Castlton Environmental; Contractors, LLC CHARLES P. KELLY, Esq., McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP

BY THE BOARD:

On February 10, 2012, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:7-2.5, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("BPU" or "Board") issued an Administrative Order and Notice of Civil Administrative Penalty Assessment ("AONOCAPA") to Castlton Environmental Contractors, LLC ("Petitioner") in the amount of \$100,000.00 for violations of the Underground Facilities Protection Act N.J.S.A. 48:2-73 et seq.

The alleged violations occurred while the Petitioner was providing excavation services at a single-family house located at 64 Rutgers Place in Clifton, New Jersey. On April 9, 2010, at approximately 1:30 P.M. there was an explosion and fire at the Clifton address. No residents were inside the house at the time of the explosion; however, several responding firefighters and one Public Service Electric and Gas Company employee were taken to the hospital. The house at 64 Rutgers place was destroyed and the surrounding properties received extensive damage.

On March 13, 2012, the Petitioner filed a request with the Board pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:7-2.6, for an Adjudicatory Hearing on the AONOCAPA.

The Board grants the Petitioner's request for the hearing pursuant to <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 14:7-2.6. The Petitioner will be given an opportunity to respond to the charges, submit evidence and present testimony as may be necessary in order for the Board to make a final determination concerning the charges of unlawful activity.

The Board has determined that this matter should be retained by the Board for review and adjudicatory hearing, and, as authorized by N.J.S.A. 48:2-32, HEREBY DESIGNATES Commissioner Joseph L. Fiordaliso as the presiding officer. Commissioner Fiordaliso is HEREBY AUTHORIZED to preside over this matter, decide upon motions, establish and modify any schedules that may be set as necessary and otherwise control the conduct of this case without the need for full Board approval, subject to subsequent Board ratification.

This Order shall be effective on June 28, 2012.

DATED: 6/18/12

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY:

Robert M. HANNA

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COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

KRISTI IZZO SECRETARY I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public Utilities

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