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IN THE MATTER OF THE VERIFIED PETITION OF JERSEY CENTRAL POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY CONCERNING A PROPOSAL FOR AN SREC-BASED FINANCING PROGRAM UNDER N.J.S.A. 48:3-98.1)))	ORDER EXTENDING THE 180-DAY REVIEW PERIOD DOCKET NO. EO12080750
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY CONCERNING A PROPOSAL FOR AN EXTENDED SOLAR RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATE (SREC)-BASED FINANCING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 48:3-98.1))))	DOCKET NO. EO12090799

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BY THE BOARD:

By Order dated May 23, 2012, In re Review of Utility Supported Programs, Docket EO11050311V ("May 23 Order"), the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") authorized the extension of certain utility run solar financing programs previously approved by the Board pursuant to an Order dated August 7, 2008¹.

¹ In re Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards: Amendments to the Minimum Filing Requirements for Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy and Conservation Programs and for Electric Distribution Company Submittal of Filing in Connection with Solar Financing. (Docket EO06100744).

On August 15, 2012, Jersey Central Power and Light Company ("JCP&L") filed a petition² with the Board requesting approval of its "SREC II" solar financing program ("JCP&L Program"), pursuant to the Board's May 23 Order and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-98.1. As proposed, the JCP&L Program is a 52 megawatt ("MW") program modeled closely on JCP&L's and Atlantic City Electric's ("ACE") first solar renewable energy certificate ("SREC") financing program ("Original SREC Program") approved by Board Orders dated March 29, 2009 and September 16, 2009 under Dockets EO08100875 and EO08090840.³

On September 6, 2012, ACE⁴ filed a petition with the Board requesting approval of its solar financing program ("ACE Program"), also pursuant to the May 23, Order and N.J.S.A. 48:3-98.1. According to the petition, ACE's Program is a 23 MW program modeled closely on the Original SREC Program as well.

By Orders dated October 4, 2012, and December 19, 2012 the Board retained JCP&L's and ACE's petitions respectively for review and hearing, and as authorized by N.J.S.A. 48:2-32, designated Commissioner Mary-Anna Holden as the presiding officer with authority to rule on all motions that arise during the pendency of the case.

By Order dated January 18, 2013, Commissioner Holden approved the extension of the 180 day review period under N.J.S.A. 48:3-98.1 b ("Review Period") to June 30, 2013 for the ACE Program, and on January 23, 2013, the Board approved the extension of the Review Period to June 30, 2013 for the JCP&L Program. On March 20, 2013, Commissioner Holden adopted a revised procedural schedule proposed by the parties for both petitions which called for an anticipated July 2013 Agenda.

On May 16, 2013, ACE, JCP&L, Board Staff, the Division of Rate Counsel, MSEIA, SEIA executed a stipulation ("Stipulation") agreeing to extend ACE's and JCP&L's respective Review Periods to September 30, 2013 in order to allow additional time for the review and processing of the petitions. The parties also agreed to the following revised procedural schedule:

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Rebuttal Testimony Due
Evidentiary Hearings (if necessary)
Position Papers Due
Anticipated Board Action

May 16, 2013 June 14, 2013 June 28, 2013 July 8, 9, and 10 2013 July 26, 2013 August 2013 Agenda

DISCUSSION AND FINDING

The Board has carefully reviewed the record to date in this matter. The Board is satisfied and **HEREBY FINDS** that the Stipulation is reasonable and is in the public interest as it will provide

² in re Verified Petition of Jersey Central Power & Light Company Concerning a Proposal for an SREC-based Financing Program under N.J.S.A. 48:3-98.1. (Docket EO12080750).

³ In Re Verified Petition of Jersey Central Power & Light Concerning a Proposal for a SREC-based Financing Program under N.J.S.A. 48:3-98. (Docket EO08090840). In Re Atlantic City Electric Company Renewable Portfolio Standard Amendments to the Minimum Filing Requirements for Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy and Conservation Programs and for Electric Distribution Company Submittal of Filing in Connection with Solar Financing. (Docket EO08100875).

⁴ In re the Petition of Atlantic City Electric Company Concerning a Proposal for an Extended SREC-based Financing Program Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-98.1 (Docket EO12090799.

additional time for a thorough review of the proposed JCP&L Program and the ACE Program, and allow for the development of a full and complete record for review by the Board.

Accordingly, the Board <u>HEREBY ADOPTS</u> the attached Stipulation as its own, incorporating by reference its terms and conditions as if fully set forth herein and <u>HEREBY EXTENDS</u> the JCP&L and ACE 180-day Review Periods to September 30, 2013, and approves the revised schedule as set forth in the Stipulation which remains subject to modification by Commissioner Holden.

DATED: 5/29/13

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

I/M/O the Petition of Jersey Central Power & Light Company Concerning a Proposal for an SREC-based Financing Program under N.J.S.A. 48:3-98.1. Docket EO12080750

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STIPULATION TO EXTEND THE 180-DAY RGGI PERIOD

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- 2. On September 5, 2012, Atlantic City Electric Company ("ACE") filed a Verified Petition with the Board requesting approval of its "SREC II" solar financing program, also pursuant to the May 23 Order and the RGGI Act. According to ACE, it intends the SREC II Program to be similar in all material respects to the current SREC I Program. ACE further states that its Program will solicit 23 MW of solar capacity. ACE has also proposed certain new elements for the SREC II Program, and the entire scope of the proposed SREC II Program is discussed in detail in ACE's Verified Petition and supporting exhibits and schedules.
- 3. On September 14, 2012, Board Staff advised JCP&L that, for this Petition, Board Staff was amending the minimum filing requirements in Appendix A of the May 12, 2008 Board Order in Docket No. EO08030164 (the "May 12 Order") to waive any filing deficiencies that may

be present in the Company's Petition without precluding subsequent request for any information. As stated in the May 12 Order, if Board Staff notifies the utility that the Petition is complete as filed, then the 180-day period for the Board to approve, modify or deny the Petition will commence on the date that the Petition was filed. In accordance with the May 12 Order, Board Staff deemed JCP&L's Petition administratively complete. Therefore, the Board's 180-day review period under the RGGI Act commenced on August 15, 2012 and would have expired on February 11, 2013 (the "JCP&L RGGI date").

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- 5. By Order dated October 4, 2012, in the JCP&L matter, the Board designated Commissioner Mary-Anna Holden as the presiding officer who is authorized to rule on all motions that arise during the pendency of this case and modify any schedules that may be set as necessary to secure a just and expeditious determination of the issues. By Order dated December 19, 2012, the Board similarly designated Commissioner Holden as the presiding officer for the ACE filing.

- 6. The undersigned parties (collectively referred to herein as the "Parties"), having commenced discovery and discussions concerning these matters, requested an extension of the JCP&L RGGI date and the ACE RGGI date (collectively, the "RGGI dates") to June 30, 2013. By Order dated January 18, 2013, Commissioner Holden extended the ACE RGGI date to June 30, 2013 and approved a modified procedural schedule for both matters. By Order dated January 23, 2013, the Board extended the JCP&L RGGI date to June 30, 2013.
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Accordingly, the Parties hereby STIPULATE AND AGREE as follows:

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