

Petitioners' commitments to modify Elizabethtown's current Asset Management Agreement with Sequent Energy Management L.P. to provide an additional \$6 million of credits to customers and to more than double Elizabethtown's current level of community support to \$500,000 annually. The Joint Petitioners also state that they are making a number of significant commitments to employees and the State of New Jersey. Joint Petitioners request that the Board retain this matter and appoint a Commissioner to preside over the disposition of the case.

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

The Board determined that the Joint Petition described above should be retained by the Board for hearing and, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-32, **HEREBY DESIGNATES** Commissioner Dianne Solomon as the presiding officer who is authorized to rule on all motions that arise during the pendency of these proceedings and modify any schedules that may be set as necessary to secure a just and expeditious determination of the issues.

Further, the Board **HEREBY DIRECTS** that any entities seeking to intervene or participate in this matter file the appropriate application with the Board by January 29, 2016.

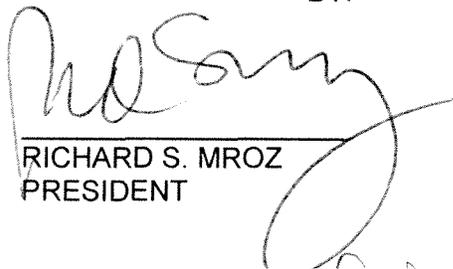
Also in the interests of economy, all parties are **HEREBY DIRECTED** to serve all documents electronically, while still providing hard copies to the Board for those documents which must be filed with the Board, and also providing hard copies as requested by the parties.

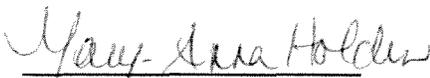
Finally, the Board **HEREBY DIRECTS** Staff to post this Order on the Board's website.

This Order shall be effective on December 26, 2015.

DATED: 12/16/15

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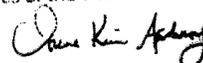

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