

The Company is also requesting the Board find the PSE&G's proposed construction, ownership and operation of the New Substation is reasonable, prudent and recoverable in distribution rates. In addition the Company requests the Board approve PSE&G's proposed revised High Tension Service ("HTS") tariff to include a special provision that describes the services provided to the New Substation, and for approval of a cost-recovery mechanism for the costs of rebuilding the Existing Substation consistent with the cost recovery mechanism approved by the Board in PSE&G's Energy Strong infrastructure hardening and resiliency proceeding.¹

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

The Board is empowered to ensure that regulated public utilities provide safe, adequate and proper service to the citizens of New Jersey. N.J.S.A. 48:2-23. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-13, the Board has been vested by the Legislature with the general supervision and regulation of, and jurisdiction and control over, all public utilities, "so far as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of [Title 48]." The courts of this State have held that the grant of power by the Legislature to the Board is to be read broadly, and that the provisions of the statute governing public utilities are to be construed liberally. See e.g., In re Public Service Electric and Gas Company, 35 N.J. 358, 371 (1961); Twp. of Deptford v. Woodbury Terrace Sewerage Corp., 54 N.J. 418, 424 (1969); Bergen County v. Dep't. of Public Utilities, 117 N.J. Super. 304 (App. Div. 1971).

The Board has determined that the PSE&G reconstruction of the Existing Substation petition described above should be retained by the Board for hearing and, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-32, and **HEREBY DESIGNATES** Commissioner Joseph Fiordaliso as the presiding Commissioner to establish and modify schedules, decide all motions, and otherwise control the conduct of this case, without the need for full Board approval, subject to subsequent Board ratification.

Further, the Board **HEREBY DIRECTS** that any entities seeking to intervene or participate in this matter file the appropriate application with the Board by Monday, October 17, 2016.

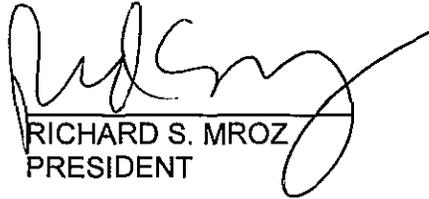
The Board **HEREBY DIRECTS** staff to post this Order on the Board's website. In addition, in the interests of economy, all parties are **HEREBY DIRECTED** to serve all documents in matter electronically, while still providing hard copies to the Board for those documents which must be filed with the Board, and hard copies to each party upon request.

¹ In re the Petition of Public Service Electric and Gas Company for the Approval of the Energy Strong Program, BPU Docket Nos. EO13020155 and GO 13020156, Order Dated May 21, 2014.

This Order shall be effective on October 3, 2016.

DATED: 9/23/16

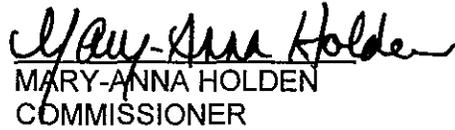
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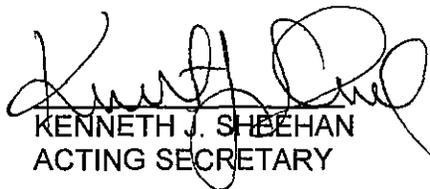


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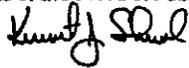
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DURING SUPERSTORM SANDY
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