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IN THE MATTER OF THE BOARD'S REVIEW OF THE) ORDER
PETITION OF PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS)
COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF THE ENERGY STRONG)
PROGRAM) DOCKET NO. EO13020155
) and GO13020156

Parties of Record:

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- Stefanie A. Brand, Esq.**, Director, Division of Rate Counsel
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- Steven S. Goldenberg, Esq.**, Fox Rothschild, LLP, for New Jersey Large Energy Users Coalition (NJLEUC)
- Roger Schwarz, Esq.**, Issues Management LLC for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 94, Local 855 of the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry, Local 601 of the Utility Workers Union of America and Local 153 of the Office of Professional Employees International Union (collectively "PSE&G Unions")
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- John Finnigan, Esq.**, Duane Morris LLP for Environmental Defense Fund (EDF)
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BY THE BOARD:

On May 21, 2014, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") issued an Order ("May Order") approving a Stipulation of Settlement ("Stipulation") entered in the Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G" or "Company") Energy Strong Program ("ES Program") in Docket Nos. EO13020155 and GO13020156. The May Order provided PSE&G with approval to invest up to \$1.0 billion (\$0.6 billion electric and \$0.4 billion gas) to harden its infrastructure to make it less susceptible to damage from wind, flying debris and water damage in anticipation of future major storm events and to strengthen the resiliency of the Company's delivery system, with costs to be recovered through periodic base rate adjustments. A specific tenet of the

Stipulation and the Order required PSE&G to file its next base rate case no later than November 1, 2017.¹ On September 27, 2017 a base rate case pre-filing meeting was held with PSE&G, Rate Counsel and Board staff in attendance wherein PSE&G discussed its impending petition which was to be filed with two (2) months actual data and ten (10) months of projected and several scheduled data updates to be filed in 2018. Thereafter, PSE&G filed a letter request on October 10, 2017 requesting a one (1) month extension to file its base rate petition so as to allow it to file with three (3) months actual data and nine (9) months projected data.

On October 12, 2017 Rate Counsel filed a letter with the Board stating that it consented to PSE&G's request to file its base rate petition one (1) month late to allow for the inclusion of three (3) months of actual data and nine (9) months projected data. Rate Counsel also reiterated its objection to base rate cases being filed with less than five (5) months actual data and seven (7) months projected data as required by the Board in the Elizabethtown Water Case.²

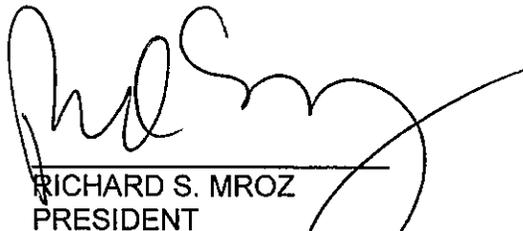
Accordingly, based on the Board's review and consideration of the request, and for good cause shown, the Board **HEREBY GRANTS** the request of PSE&G to file a base rate case by no later than December 1, 2017.

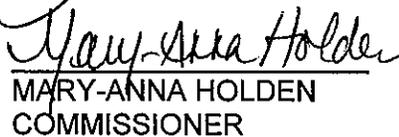
The effective date of the Order shall be October 30, 2017.

DATED: 10/20/17

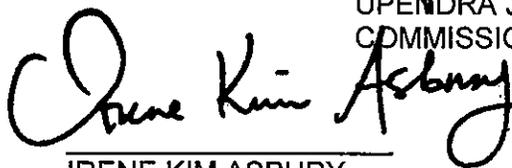
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¹ In the Matter of the Board's Review of the Petition of Public Service Electric and Gas Company for Approval of the Energy Strong Program, at 6 (May 21, 2014 (citing the terms of the Stipulation of Settlement.))

² In re Elizabethtown Water Co. Rate Case, BPU Docket No. WR8504330 (May 23, 1985) ("Elizabethtown Water Case").

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ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF THE ENERGY STRONG PROGRAM
Docket Nos. EO13020155 & GO13020156**

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