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STATE OF NEW JERSEY **Board of Public Utilities** 44 South Clinton Avenue, 3rd Floor, Suite 314 Post Office Box 350 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350 www.nj.gov/bpu/

<u>ENERGY</u>

IN THE MATTER OF THIRD PARTY SUPPLIER SWITCHING TIMES IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.A.C. 14:4-2.6 ANDTARIFF FILING WHICH DOES NOT PROPOSE INCREASES IN CHARGES TO CUSTOMERS PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.11

ORDER APPROVING . **MODIFIED TARIFFS**

DOCKET NO. GT18040413

Parties of Record:

Stefanie A. Brand, Esq., Director, New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel Matthew M. Weissman, Esq., Public Service Electric and Gas Company

BY THE BOARD:1

BACKGROUND

At its open public Board meeting on November 21, 2017, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") adopted amendments to its Energy Competition Regulations, N.J.A.C. 14:4, et seq.² These amendments, which were published in the New Jersey Register on December $1\overline{8}$, 2017, included changes to N.J.A.C. 14:4-2.6 that modified the amount of time that electric and gas public utilities have to switch a customer's supplier, effective with enrollment or drop requests that are received by the utility on or after January 17, 2018.

LETTER PETITION

On April 18, 2018, Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G" or "Company") filed a letter petition ("Letter Petition") with the Board seeking to modify its electric and gas tariffs in response to the new switching time provisions of N.J.A.C. 14:4-2.6. Specifically, the proposed tariffs modify the switching time for electric customers from twenty (20) to thirteen (13) days. In addition, the proposed tariffs provide that the Company will switch a gas customer on the first scheduled meter reading date of the current month if the Company is notified on or before the tenth (10th) calendar day of the prior month instead of by the first (1st) calendar day of the prior month. These new switching times are consistent with N.J.A.C. 14:4-2.6.

¹ Commissioner Robert M. Gordon recused himself due to a potential conflict of interest and as such took no part in the discussion or deliberation of this matter. ² In re the Proposed Amendments to N.J.A.C. 14:4 et seg. Government Energy Aggregation Programs,

Energy Anti-Slamming, and Third Party Suppliers, BPU Docket No. EX14111343.

On May 29, 2018, the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel submitted a letter to the Board stating that it Counsel does not object to the Company's tariff filing.

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

The Board has carefully reviewed the record in this matter including the Letter Petition and Rate Counsel's comments. Moreover, as represented by the Company, the modifications are intended to comply with N.J.A.C. 14:4-2.6 and do not propose changes to rates. Accordingly, the Board FINDS the proposed modifications are reasonable, in the public interest and consistent with N.J.A.C. 14:4-2.6.

The Board HEREBY APPROVES the proposed modifications to PSE&G's electric and gas tariffs as requested by the Company in its Letter Petition. The Board FURTHER ORDERS PSE&G to file tariffs consistent with the Board's Order by July 7, 2018.

The Company's costs will remain subject to audit by the Board. This Decision and Order shall not preclude nor prohibit the Board from taking any actions determined to be appropriate as a result of any such audit.

The effective date of this Order is July 2, 2018.

DATED: 6/22/18 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY: JOÉEPH L. FIORDALISO PRESIDENT DIANNE SOLOMON COMMISSIONER COMMISSIONER

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ATTEST:

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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