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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Public Utilities

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ENERGY

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NEW JERSEY)	ORDER APPROVING
NATURAL GAS COMPANY FOR CHANGES TO ITS)	MODIFIED TARIFFS
TARIFF TO CONFORM TO N.J.A.C. 14:4-2.6, BOARD)	
OF PUBLIC UTILITIES RULE ADOPTION, DOCKET)	
NO. EX14111343)	DOCKET NO. GT18040472

Parties of Record:

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BY THE BOARD:

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.¹ These amendments, which were published in the New Jersey Register on December 18, 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 27, 2018, New Jersey Natural Gas Company ("NJNG" or "Company") filed a letter petition ("Letter Petition") with the Board seeking to modify its tariffs in response to the new switching time provisions of N.J.A.C. 14:4-2.6. On May 17, 2018, NJNG filed an amended letter petition ("Amended Letter Petition") with the Board. Specifically, NJNG's proposed tariffs provide that the Company will switch a gas customer in accordance with N.J.A.C. 14:4-2.6(f), as may be amended or superseded.

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

¹ In re the Proposed Amendments to N.J.A.C. 14:4 et seq. Government Energy Aggregation Programs, Energy Anti-Slamming, and Third Party Suppliers, BPU Docket No. EX14111343.

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.

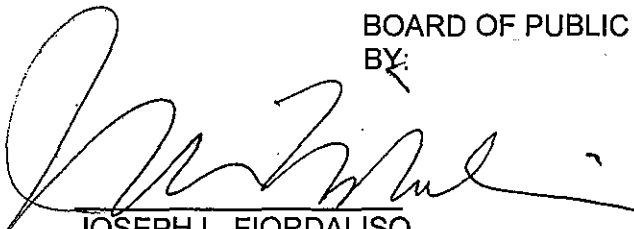
The Board **HEREBY APPROVES** the proposed modifications to NJNG's tariffs as requested by the Company in its Amended Letter Petition. The Board **FURTHER ORDERS** NJNG to file tariffs consistent with the Board's Order by July 7, 2018.

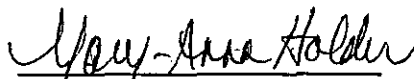
The Company's costs will remain subject to audit by the Board. This Decision and Order shall not preclude nor prohibit the Board from taking any actions determined to be appropriate as a result of any such audit.

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

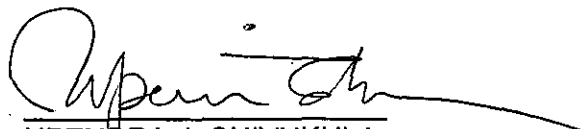
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