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Agenda Item: IIA

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**Board of Public Utilities**  
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ENERGY

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NEW JERSEY )	ORDER ON MOTION AND
NATURAL GAS COMPANY FOR A DETERMINATION )	REQUEST FOR EXTENSION
CONCERNING THE HOLMDEL REGULATOR STATION )	
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:55D-19 - 2017 PETITION )	
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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NEW JERSEY )	GO17010023 and GO18111257
NATURAL GAS COMPANY FOR A DETERMINATION )	
CONCERNING THE HOLMDEL REGULATOR STATION )	OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 01160-
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:55D-19 - 2018 PETITION )	17 and PUC 17810-18

**Parties of Record:**

**Peter Dickson, Esq.**, on behalf of the Township of Holmdel  
**James Meyer, Esq.**, on behalf of New Jersey Natural Gas Company  
**Brian O. Lipman, Esq.**, Director, New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel

BY THE BOARD<sup>1</sup>:

This matter is before the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) regarding: 1) the Township of Holmdel’s (“Intervenor”) July 5, 2022 motion for an extension of the deadlines to file written exceptions and replies to exceptions to the May 18, 2022 Initial Decision of Administrative Law Judge Elia A. Pelios (“ALJ Initial Decision”); and 2) consideration of the need for an additional 45-day extension of time for the Board to issue its Final Decision in this matter.

On July 5, 2022, the Intervenor moved for an extension of time to permit exceptions to the ALJ Initial Decision be extended to July 5, 2022, and to adjust the schedule accordingly for subsequent briefs. The Intervenor’s motion indicated that due to circumstances beyond their control, counsel for the Intervenor was unable to complete the brief by the filing deadline of July 1, 2022.

On July 11, 2022, New Jersey Natural Gas Company (“NJNG” or “Petitioner”) filed a response to the Intervenor’s motion. According to NJNG, since the Intervenor’s exceptions brief was filed four (4) days after its deadline, the deadline for filing replies should be extended four days from the previous deadline to July 29, 2022.

On July 11, 2022, the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel indicated to Board Staff (“Staff”) that it has no objection to change in schedule.

Having received consent of all parties, Staff requests an additional 45-day extension of time for issuing the Final Decision in order to adequately review the record in this matter.

<sup>1</sup> Commissioner Zenon Christodoulou abstained from voting on this matter.

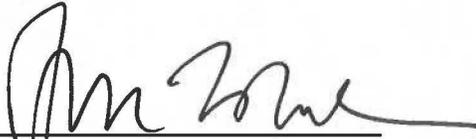
**DISCUSSION AND FINDING**

This matter arises from two (2) consolidated petitions filed in 2017 and 2018 concerning the construction of a gas regulator station at a location within the Township of Holmdel, New Jersey. Having carefully considered the record in this matter, Intervenor's moving papers and NJNG's response, the Board hereby finds good cause and **HEREBY GRANTS** the Intervenor's request for an extension of the deadline to file exceptions to the ALJ's Initial Decision to July 5, 2022, and **HEREBY GRANTS** NJNG's corresponding request to extend the deadline to file replies to July 29, 2022.

Additionally, as the ALJ Initial Decision was received by the Board on May 18, 2022, the 45-day statutory period for the issuance of a Final Decision was to expire on July 5, 2022. On June 8, 2022, the Board issued an Order extending the deadline for the filing of exceptions to July 1, 2022, replies to exceptions to July 25, 2022, and the Board's time to issue a Final Decision 45 days to August 19, 2022. Prior to that date, and having received consent of all parties, Staff now requests an additional 45-day extension of time for issuing the Final Decision in order to adequately review the record in this matter. Considering the enlarged time for the filing of exceptions and replies, the voluminous record in this matter, and the consent of the parties, the Board **HEREBY FINDS** good cause exists for an extension of time pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-10(c) and N.J.A.C. 1:1-18.8, and **HEREBY ORDERS** that the time for the Board to render a Final Decision is extended until October 3, 2022.

DATED: *August 17, 2022*

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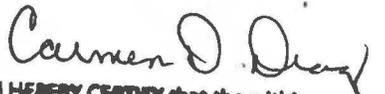


  
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ACTING SECRETARY

  
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public Utilities.

Date Board mailed Order to OAL: 8-22-2022

DATED: 8/22/22



BARRY E. MOSCOWITZ, ACTING DIRECTOR  
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Date OAL mailed executed Order to Board: 8/22/22

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