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IN THE MATTER OF MEDIUM AND HEAVY DUTY ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING ECOSYSTEM)	ORDER DESIGNATING NEW COMMISSIONERS
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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS MEDIUM-AND-HEAVY-DUTY-ELECTRIC VEHICLE PLAN)	DOCKET NO. QO21060946
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IN THE MATTER OF ROCKLAND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A MEDIUM AND HEAVY DUTY ELECTRIC VEHICLE PLAN, AND FOR OTHER RELIEF)	DOCKET NO. QO25020096
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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE- ELECTRIC VEHICLE MEDIUM HEAVY-DUTY ("CEF-EV MHD") PROGRAM ON A REGULATED BASIS)	DOCKET NO. QO25020101
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BY THE BOARD:

By this decision and Order, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) considers re-designating commissioners designated to preside over the filings made by the State of New Jersey’s electric distribution companies (“EDCs”) proposing medium- and heavy-duty (“MHD”) charging ecosystem programs (“MHD Plan”).¹

BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

By Order dated October 23, 2024, the Board established Minimum Filing Requirements directing EDCs to propose programs calculated to expand access to charging for MHD electric vehicles (“EVs”) and all EV fleets.² Specifically, the Board directed each EDC to file an MHD Plan with the Board within 120 days of the effective date of the October 2024 Order. By the October 2024 Order, the Board required that each EDC must propose an MHD Plan that includes programs, subject to Board approval, that are calculated to expand access to charging for MHD EVs and all EV fleets.

On November 7, 2024, the Board received a Motion for Reconsideration filed by the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel (“Rate Counsel”), whereby Rate Counsel argued that the Board erred in adopting the MHD framework contained in the October 2024 Order. By Order dated February 12, 2025, the Board denied Rate Counsel’s Motion for Reconsideration.³ Also by the February 2025 Order, the Board additionally clarified certain sections of the October 2024 Order pertaining to EDC prudence when preparing sites for charging infrastructure.

By Order dated April 23, 2025 the Board retained all petitions filed pursuant to the October 2024 Order for hearing and designated Commissioner Marian Abdou to preside over all four (4) utility filings and directed that all motions to intervene or participate be filed by May 14, 2025.⁴

¹ New Jersey’s EDCs include Atlantic City Electric Company (“ACE”), Jersey Central Power & Light Company (“JCP&L”), Public Service Electric and Gas Company (“PSE&G”), and Rockland Electric Company (“RECO”).

² In re Medium and Heavy Duty Electric Vehicle Charging Ecosystem, BPU Docket No. QO21060946, Order dated October 23, 2024 (Revised October 28, 2024) (“October 2024 Order”).

³ In re Medium and Heavy Duty Electric Vehicle Charging Ecosystem, BPU Docket No. QO21060946, Order dated February 12, 2025 (“February 2025 Order”).

⁴ In re Medium and Heavy Duty Electric Vehicle Charging Ecosystem, et al., BPU Docket Nos QO21060946, QO25020096, QO25020097, QO25020100, and QO25020101, Order dated April 23, 2025.

On May 14, 2025, the Board received a joint Motion Seeking Leave to Intervene in each of the MHD Plan proceedings from Sierra Club, the New Jersey Progressive Equitable Energy Coalition, Environment New Jersey, Isles, Inc., and the Environmental Defense Fund (collectively, "Environmental Intervenors"). Also on May 14, 2025, the Board received Joint Motions Seeking Leave to Participate in each of the MHD Plan proceedings from the non-petitioner EDCs. Also on May 14, 2025, the Board received a Motion Seeking Leave to Intervene in the PSE&G MHD Plan proceeding from CALSTART, Inc. ("CALSTART").

By letters dated May 27, 2025, Rate Counsel replied to each of the Motions. By letter dated June 3, 2025, CALSTART replied to Rate Counsel's reply.

At the Board's July 16, 2025 agenda meeting, Commissioner Abdou announced her resignation from the Board effective August 1, 2025.

By Orders dated July 31, 2025, Commissioner Abdou ruled on all motions received in the MHD proceedings, thereby granting intervenor status to the Environmental Intervenors and participant status to the non-petitioner EDCs in each matter. Additionally, by the order in the PSE&G matter, Commissioner Abdou denied intervenor status to CALSTART in the PSE&G matter but granted them participant status. On August 15, 2025 CALSTART filed a Motion of Reconsideration with the full Board seeking intervenor status. On August 25, 2025, the Environmental Intervenors filed support for CALSTART's Motion for Reconsideration and Rate Counsel requested that CALSTART's motion be denied.

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

In light of Commissioner Abdou's resignation, the Board determined that a new presiding commissioner should be appointed to preside over the MHD Plan proceedings. Accordingly, as authorized by N.J.S.A. 48:2-32, the Board **HEREBY DESIGNATES** Commissioner Christodoulou as the presiding commissioner for the ACE MHD Plan filing, who is authorized to rule on all motions that arise during the pendency of the proceedings and modify any schedules that may be set as necessary to secure just and expeditious determination of the issues.

Additionally, the Board **HEREBY DESIGNATES** Commissioner Christodoulou as the presiding commissioner for JCP&L MHD Plan filing, who is authorized to rule on all motions that arise during the pendency of the proceedings and modify any schedules that may be set as necessary to secure just and expeditious determination of the issues.

Additionally, the Board **HEREBY DESIGNATES** Commissioner Christodoulou as the presiding commissioner for the PSE&G MHD Plan filing, who is authorized to rule on all motions that arise during the pendency of the proceedings and modify any schedules that may be set as necessary to secure just and expeditious determination of the issues.

Finally, the Board **HEREBY DESIGNATES** Commissioner Christodoulou as the presiding commissioner for the RECO MHD Plan filing, who is authorized to rule on all motions that arise during the pendency of the proceedings and modify any schedules that may be set as necessary to secure just and expeditious determination of the issues.

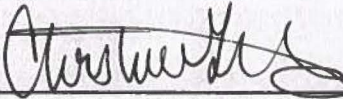
The Board **HEREBY RATIFIES** the decisions made by Commissioner Abdou to date in these proceedings for the reasons identified in her decisions and Orders.

In addition, pursuant to the Board's Order dated March 19, 2020, the Board **HEREBY DIRECTS** all parties to serve all documents electronically.⁵ No hard copies shall be filed until the Board lifts the restrictions imposed in that Order.

This Order shall be effective on September 10, 2025.

DATED: September 10, 2025

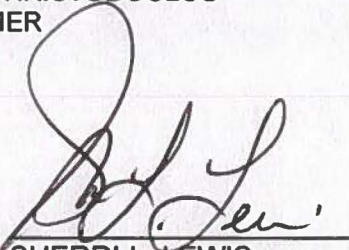
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⁵ In re the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic for a Temporary Waiver of Requirements for Certain Non-Essential Obligations, BPU Docket No. EO20030254, Order dated March 19, 2020.

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