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IN THE MATTER OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ) ORDER  
N.J.S.A. 48:3-86.1 ET SEQ. )  
) DOCKET NO. AO26030087

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BY THE BOARD:

**BACKGROUND**

On April 22, 2025, P.L. 2025, c.47 was signed by Governor Murphy establishing the Energy Bill Watch program (“Act”). The Act was subsequently amended effective July 8, 2025, by P.L. 2025, c.99. The purpose of the Act was to direct electric and natural gas public utilities<sup>1</sup> that use “Smart Meters”<sup>2</sup> to measure a customer’s electric or natural gas usage to create a program to notify

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<sup>1</sup> “Electric public utility” as defined in N.J.S.A. 48:3-86.1 are identified as Atlantic City Electric Company, Butler Electric Company, Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Public Service Electric and Gas Company, and Rockland Electric Company. “Gas public utility” as defined in N.J.S.A. 48:3-86.1 are identified as Elizabethtown Gas Company, New Jersey Natural Gas Company, Public Service Electric and Gas Company, and South Jersey Gas Company (collectively, “Electric and Gas Utilities”).

<sup>2</sup> “Smart Meter” as defined in N.J.S.A. 48:3-86.1 means an electronic metering device that measures and records utility usage data in regular intervals on a daily basis and wirelessly transmits this data to a public utility for billing and other purposes.

customers of their usage under certain conditions. The Act requires the Energy Bill Watch programs be established no later than ninety (90) days following the effective date of the Act.

The Act specifies that customers are to be notified via text message or electronic mail during the week of the 10<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> day of a billing cycle with the cost in dollars of the customer's electricity or natural gas usage for the billing cycle up to the time at most two (2) days before which the notification is sent and the amount in kilowatt hours or therms of the customer's electricity or gas usage for the billing cycle up to the time at most two (2) days before which the notification is sent. The Act also requires that a customer is provided the option to set a threshold dollar value for the cost of electric or gas service at which the electric or gas public utility will notify the customer via the customer's choice of text message or electronic mail if that threshold is reached for that billing cycle. Finally, the Act requires that a customer is provided with the option to receive a separate notification each billing cycle which compares the customer's average daily electric or gas usage from the current billing cycle with their average daily usage from the previous billing cycle or the same billing cycle in the previous calendar year.

The Act requires the Electric and Gas Utilities to advertise the "Energy Bill Watch" program through multiple methods and notify all Smart Meter customers via a bill insert or electronic mail when the "Energy Bill Watch" program is available for customers. The Act further requires that all Smart Meter customers to be enrolled automatically and in the first notification to the customer provide guidance on how the customer can customize notifications or opt out of the "Energy Bill Watch" program. The Act also specifies additional details that need to be included in Electric and Gas Utilities' customer bills such as the dollar amount charged in the previous billing cycle, the amount charged in the current billing cycle, the difference between cycles and a breakdown of any tariffs, taxes, fees, distribution charges and the societal benefits charge.

### **DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS**

The Board **HEREBY ORDERS** the Electric and Gas Utilities to file with the Board a report on the status of implementing the requirements of the Act and plans explaining how and when they intend to fully implement the requirements of the Act. The Board **FURTHER ORDERS** that the report and plans be submitted to the Board no later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Order.


This Order shall be effective April 29, 2026.

DATED: April 22, 2026

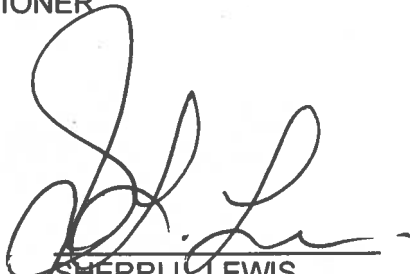
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