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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### Board of Public Utilities

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### DIVISION OF ENERGY

IN THE MATTER OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF	)	
INDIVIDUAL UTILITY TERRITORY ENERGY	)	
MASTER PLANS PURSUANT TO THE	)	ORDER EXTENDING DUE DATE
REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEW JERSEY	)	FOR FILING OF UTILITY TERRITORY
ENERGY MASTER PLAN	)	MASTER PLANS
	)	
	)	DOCKET NO. EO08121065

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

### BY THE BOARD:

On January 28, 2009, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") issued an Order in this docket directing New Jersey's investor-owned electric and natural gas utilities to develop individual utility territory energy master plans addressing the goals and objectives of the New Jersey Energy Master Plan ("NJEMP"). Pursuant to the Order, Public Service Electric & Gas Company, Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Atlantic City Electric Company, Rockland Electric Company, New Jersey Natural Gas Company, South Jersey Gas Company and Elizabethtown Gas Company (collectively, "Utilities") must file individual utility territory energy master plans ("Utility Master Plans") by no later than December 31, 2009.

On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ([Pub.L. 111-5](#)) ("Recovery Act") was signed into law making supplemental appropriations for job creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, State and local fiscal stabilization, and for other similar purposes. Under the Recovery Act, New Jersey is eligible for approximately \$268 million in energy efficiency, energy conservation and renewable energy grants from the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE). Grant applications for these funding opportunities have been submitted by the Board, the Department of Community Affairs, and 75 of the State's eligible local municipal and county governments<sup>1</sup>. In addition, USDOE Recovery Act funds are available directly to utilities and other entities for projects such as smart grid, transmission and other energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

Board Staff has reviewed the USDOE funding opportunities and has determined that the energy efficiency, energy conservation and renewable energy projects eligible for Recovery Act funds

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<sup>1</sup> Applications were submitted for three separate Recovery Act funding opportunities. They include the Weatherization Program, the State Energy Program and the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG).

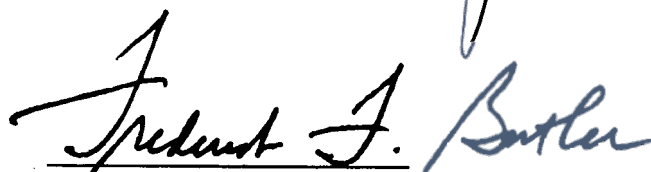
are consistent with the overarching goals of the NJEMP. However, until the USDOE completes its review of the applications for energy efficiency projects proposed by the State's eligible recipients, Staff and the Utilities cannot fully assess the anticipated benefits the proposed projects will have and cannot accurately determine what modifications may be needed in the Utility Master Plans<sup>2</sup> to ensure that the goals of the NJEMP are met in the most cost effective and efficient manner. If approved by the USDOE, the range of energy efficiency programs funded by the Recovery Act have the potential of yielding long-term energy savings that need to be considered by the Utilities in their development of the Utility Master Plans. The New Jersey Utilities Association and Rate Counsel support this application to allow additional time to develop properly tailored Utility Master Plans for presentation to the Board.

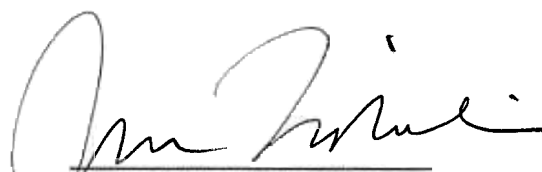
Therefore, for the reasons discussed above, the Board **HEREBY AMENDS** the January 28, 2009 Order in this docket by extending the due date for Utilities to submit their Utility Master Plans, from December 31, 2009 to July 1, 2010. All other provisions of the Order remain in full force and effect.


DATED: 8/19/09

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES  
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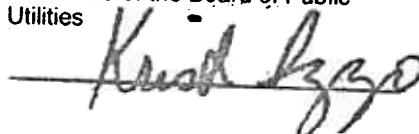
  
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<sup>2</sup> Each funding opportunity was issued a separate filing due date. Given the voluminous amount of new Recovery Act applications submitted to the USDOE, final review of applications for New Jersey may not be completed until the fall.