

**In the Matter of the Proposed Readoption  
with Amendments to N.J.A.C. 14:4 et seq.,  
Energy Competition,  
Docket No. EX25040201  
Stakeholder Meeting**

Wednesday, July 30, 2025  
10:00 a.m.

Via Zoom



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# N.J.A.C. 14:4 et seq.

## READOPTION with Amendments and New Rules

These rules implement provisions of the Electric Discount Energy Competition Act (EDECA), N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 et seq., and other statutory authority. The rules apply to electric power suppliers, gas suppliers, electric public utilities, gas public utilities, energy aggregators, energy agents, energy public utilities, public utility holding companies and entities that provide basic generation service (BGS) and/or basic gas supply service (BGSS).



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# SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS

## N.J.A.C. 14:4-1.2 Definitions

Amends definitions for the terms “**gas supplier**”; “**PJM Connection or PJM**”; “**slamming**” and adds new definition for the term “**preferred supplier freeze.**”



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# SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS (Continued)

N.J.A.C. 14:4-1.2 adds new definition for term “**preferred supplier freeze**”:

**“Preferred supplier freeze” is an election made by a customer to restrict any future switch from one provider of electric generation service or gas supply service to another provider.**



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## SUBCHAPTER 2. ENERGY ANTI-SLAMMING

N.J.A.C. 14:4-2.6 - Proposes language to describe the notice a customer may receive from their utility company when they have a preferred supplier freeze.

New Rule N.J.A.C. 14:4-2.6A - Proposes the requirements for a preferred supplier freeze. A preferred supplier freeze ensures that a customer's chosen electric and/or gas supplier remains in place unless specific action is taken by the customer.



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## SUBCHAPTER 3. AFFILIATE RELATIONS

N.J.A.C. 14:4-3.1 - Proposes adding minor clarification language consistent with the subchapter.

N.J.A.C. 14:4-3.2 - Proposes adding clarifying language to the definition of public utility holding company to specify that it includes private equity/private equity investment funds and/or a private entity, or partnership in addition to entities that have solely, or jointly purchase, acquire, merge with an electric public utility or gas public utility and whose public shares are delisted from the public exchange. Corrected typographical errors under the fully allocated cost definition.



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## SUBCHAPTER 3. AFFILIATE RELATIONS (Continued)

N.J.A.C. 14:4-3.7 - Proposes clarifying language. and correction to a typographical error.

N.J.A.C. 14:4-3.9 - Proposes a typographical correction.



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# SUBCHAPTER 3. AFFILIATE RELATIONS (Continued)

## Appendix to Subchapter 3

### Section 2

ix. Proposes language that does not limit the type of costs included as fully allocated current costs for proposed competitive service offerings.

xii. Amends language to clarify the required comparison of utility competitive services with other purveyors of the same service.



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## SUBCHAPTER 4. PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY (PUCH) STANDARDS

N.J.A.C. 14:4-4.4 - Proposes new paragraph (m) regarding the treatment of information pursuant to this section of the regulations and specifying treatment of confidential information.



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# SUBCHAPTER 5. ENERGY LICENSING AND REGISTRATION

Minor amendments to clarify language and/or citations throughout this subchapter.

N.J.A.C. 14:4-5.4 - Proposes amendments to add clarifying language to the existing surety bond requirement for Third party supplier ("TPS") licenses regarding the purpose of the bond(s).

N.J.A.C. 14:4-5.5 - Proposes requirements for the return of a surety bond.

N.J.A.C. 14:4-5.12 - Proposes amendments to increase fee amounts for all license and registration applications and annual information update forms.



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## SUBCHAPTER 6. GOVERNMENT ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM

N.J.A.C. 14:4-6.3 - Proposes to amend subsection (i) to clarify that if a residential customer opt-outs of a government-private energy aggregation program, they shall remain out of the program unless they opt-in.

N.J.A.C. 14:4-6.4 - Proposes to recodify subsection (g) as subsection (e) for clarity purposes

N.J.A.C. 14:4-6.5 (d) - Proposes to amend subsection (d)1 to exempt an electric and gas customer with a preferred supplier freeze from notices pertaining to energy aggregation.



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## SUBCHAPTER 6. GOVERNMENT ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM (Continued)

N.J.A.C. 14:4-6.5 (f) - Proposes to clarify that when a customer submits an opt-out response, it shall be considered permanent if, and until, the residential customer submits a written opt-in response to the LDC.

N.J.A.C. 14:4-6.6 - Proposes to amend subsection (u) to clarify that customers who are not sent the notice are excluded from the program.

## SUBCHAPTER 7. RETAIL CHOICE CONSUMER PROTECTION

N.J.A.C. 14:4-7.6 - Proposes to amend subsection (k) to clarify that a third-party supplier (TPS) must provide a customer notice when a contract containing a fixed rate element is moving to a variable rate, and requires that the notice include the historical variable rates billed by the TPS for the three preceding months.

N.J.A.C. 14:4-7.6A - Proposes to amend subsection (a)7 to require TPS to include the historical variable rates billed by the supplier for the three preceding months within its contract summary page.



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## SUBCHAPTER 7. RETAIL CHOICE CONSUMER PROTECTION (Continued)

New Rule N.J.A.C. 14:4-7.14 - Proposes a new section which requires TPS to report customer billing errors that affect ten (10) or more customers to the Board Secretary and requires TPS to credit residential customers that it overbills with interest. The proposed new rule sets forth how the billing errors must be reported and the information that must be included in the reports. The proposed new rule sets forth the interest rate that must be used by the TPS for the bill credits.



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