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ENERGY

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROVISION OF BASIC GENERATION SERVICE, THE COMPLIANCE TARIFF FILING REFLECTING CHANGES TO SCHEDULE 12 CHARGES IN PJM OPEN ACCESS TRANSMISSION TARIFF – DECEMBER 10, 2021 FILING

DECISION AND ORDER
APPROVING THE PASSTHROUGH OF FERC
AUTHORIZED CHANGES IN FIRM
TRANSMISSION SERVICE
RELATED CHARGES

BPU DOCKET NO. ER21121246

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BY THE BOARD:1

On December 10, 2021, Atlantic City Electric Company ("ACE"), Jersey Central Power & Light Company ("JCP&L"), Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G"), and Rockland Electric Company ("Rockland") (collectively, "EDCs") filed a joint petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board" or "BPU") requesting recovery of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") approved changes in firm transmission service related charges ("December 2021 Petition").

BACKGROUND

The Transmission Enhancement Charges ("TECs") detailed in Schedule 12 of the PJM Interconnection, LLC ("PJM") Open Access Transmission Tariff ("OATT") and the Network Integration Transmission Service Rate ("NITS") were implemented to compensate transmission owners for the annual transmission revenue requirements for "Required Transmission Enhancements" that are requested by PJM for reliability or economic purposes. PJM recovers TECs through an additional transmission charge in the transmission zones assigned cost responsibility for Required Transmission Enhancement projects.

¹ Commissioner Upendra J. Chivukula did not participate.

On October 15, 2020, in FERC Docket No. ER09-1257-000, PSE&G filed its Formula Rate Annual Update for 2021 that set forth PSE&G's annual transmission revenue requirement, calculated in accordance with its Formula Rate for network transmission service under the PJM OATT for the period commencing January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 ("2021 Formula Rate Update"). By Order dated January 27, 2021, the Board approved the changes to the Basic Generation Service ("BGS")-Residential and Small Commercial Pricing ("RSCP") and BGS-Commercial and Industrial Energy Pricing ("CIEP") rates resulting from FERC-approved changes to the TECs and the NITS, effective February 1, 2021.²

On July 14, 2021, PSE&G, the Board and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel reached a settlement that required PSE&G to modify its 2021 Formula Rate Update with FERC in BPU Docket Nos. ER21010001 and EO21070976. The settlement modified PSE&G's transmission formula rate template and transmission implementation protocols contained in Attachment H-10A and Attachment H-10B of the PJM OATT. The settlement resulted in a reduction in PSE&G's return on equity ("ROE"), lowering it in the PJM tariff from 11.18% to 9.90%. FERC approved the settlement in an October 1, 2021 Order, and directed PSE&G to make a compliance filing with the revised tariff records within 30 days of that Order.

On October 11, 2021, PSE&G filed tariffs with the FERC to implement revisions to PSE&G's transmission formula rate pursuant to FERC's request, which was accepted by FERC on December 2, 2021 ("October 2021 Compliance Filing").

December 2021 Petition

In the December 2021 Petition, the EDCs proposed tariff changes that reflect changes to the BGS-RSCP and BGS-CIEP rates to customers resulting from changes in the PJM OATT made in response to the 2021 Formula Rate Update filed by PSE&G and the October 2021 Compliance Filing.

The EDCs began to pay these decreased transmission charges in December 2021, and will receive retroactive refunds back to August 1, 2021 in January 2022. As a result, the EDCs requested a waiver of the 30-day filing requirement. The EDCs are also seeking authority from the Board to credit BGS customers for the lower transmission charges over a 12-month period beginning in January 2022. The EDCs requested Board approval to implement the revised BGS-RSCP and BGS-CIEP tariff rates effective January 1, 2022.

Based upon the allocation of the TECs and NITS costs among the service classes, the monthly bill for a residential customer using 650 kWh per month will change by approximately the following amounts (including Sales and Use Tax): a decrease of \$0.33 or 0.25% for ACE, a decrease of \$0.18 or 0.19% for JCP&L, a decrease of \$6.54 or 5.18% for PSE&G, and a decrease of \$0.65 or 0.62% for Rockland.

resulting from multiple formula rate updates and a rate update.

² In re the Provision of Basic Generation Service, the Compliance Tariff Filing Reflecting Changes to Schedule 12 Charges in PJM Open Access Transmission Tariff – December 16, 2020 Filing, BPU Docket No. ER20120754, Order dated January 27, 2021. There were other NITS/TECs approved in the filing,

DISCUSSION AND FINDING

After review of the December 2021 Petition and supporting documentation, the Board <u>HEREBY APPROVES</u> the changes to the BGS-RSCP and BGS-CIEP rates requested by each EDC for its transmission charges resulting from the FERC-approved changes to the TECs and the NITS, effective as of February 1, 2022.

The Board <u>HEREBY APPROVES</u> the EDCs' request to credit BGS customers for lower 2021 transmission charges associated with the December 2021 Petition over a 12-month period depending on the specific EDC rate design.

The Board <u>HEREBY WAIVES</u> the 30-day filing requirement as requested by the EDCs in the December 2021 Petition.

Further, the Board <u>HEREBY</u> <u>DIRECTS</u> the EDCs to file tariffs and rates consistent with the Board's findings by February 1, 2022.

The EDCs' rates remain subject to audit by the Board. This Decision and Order does not preclude the Board from taking any actions deemed to be appropriate as a result of any Board audit.

The effective date of this Order is January 19, 2022.

DATED: January 12, 2022

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