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ENERGY

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF PUBLIC )  
SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY TO )  
REVISE ITS WEATHER NORMALIZATION CHARGE )  
FOR THE 2017-2018 ANNUAL PERIOD )  
)  
) DECISION AND ORDER  
APPROVING STIPULATION  
FOR PROVISIONAL WNC  
RATES  
)  
) DOCKET NO. GR17060720

**Parties of Record:**

**Matthew Weissman, Esq.**, for Public Service Electric and Gas Company  
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BY THE BOARD:

On June 29, 2017, Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G" or "Company") filed a petition ("2017 WNC Petition") with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") seeking approval to adjust its Weather Normalization Clause ("WNC"). By this Decision and Order, the Board considers a Stipulation for a Provisional WNC ("Stipulation") executed by PSE&G, the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel") and Board Staff ("Staff") (collectively, the "Parties") which is requesting that the Board approve the revised WNC rate on a provisional basis, subject to refund with interest.

**BACKGROUND**

PSE&G's WNC tariff was approved by the Board as part of the settlement of the Company's last base rate case.<sup>1</sup> The WNC tariff requires the Company to calculate the level by which its margin revenues<sup>2</sup> differed from what would have resulted had normal weather<sup>3</sup> occurred during the prior October through May period ("Winter Period").

In the 2017 WNC Petition, PSE&G sought approval to recover \$54,738,895 of which \$31,882,242 will be recovered over the 2017-2018 Winter Period, with the remaining deficiency of \$22,856,653<sup>4</sup> to be recovered over the 2018-2019 Winter Period. The base level of normal degree days for the

<sup>1</sup> In re the Petition of PSE&G for Approval of an Increase in Electric and Gas Rates and for Changes in the Tariffs for Electric and Gas Service, Docket No. GR09050422 (July 10, 2010).

<sup>2</sup> Margin revenues are distribution revenues from relevant rate classes' per therm charges.

<sup>3</sup> The determination of normal weather is based upon a twenty-year rolling average of heating degree days for each of the Winter Period months.

<sup>4</sup> The amount exceeding 3.0% of residential service customer's total per therm rate.

2017-2018 Winter Period is defined in the Company's WNC tariff. Any excess or deficiency in margin revenues when compared to normal is subsequently credited or charged to customers over the 2018-2019 Winter Period.

In recovering the \$31.882 million to be recovered over the 2017-2018 Winter Period, the Company is proposing a WNC rate of \$0.023135<sup>5</sup> per balancing therm<sup>6</sup> applicable to Residential Service Gas ("RSG"), General Service Gas ("GSG") and Large Volume Gas ("LVG") customers. If approved by the Board, a typical residential heating customer using 165 therms per month during the winter months and 1,010 therms on an annual basis would see a decrease in their annual bill from \$864.94 to \$864.19 or \$0.75 or approximately 0.09%, based upon delivery and commodity rates in effect on September 1, 2017, with the WNC set to the rate that was in effect for the 2016-2017 WNC Annual Period, assuming that the customer receives commodity service from PSE&G.

Since the 2017 WNC Petition sought a decrease in rates, it was determined that public hearings were not necessary.

### **STIPULATION**

Because additional time is needed to complete the review of the proposed rates to ensure that the costs are adequately explained, reconciled and addressed, and the resulting rates are reasonable, on September 14, 2017 the Parties executed the Stipulation. The Stipulation provides the following:<sup>7</sup>

1. The Parties request that the Board provisionally approve PSE&G's WNC of \$0.021647 without SUT (\$0.023135 including SUT) per balancing therm applicable to Rate Schedules RSG, GSG, and LVG for the 2017-2018 Winter Period. As a result of the stipulated provisional WNC, PSE&G's typical residential gas heating customers using 165 therms in a winter month and 1,010 therms on an annual basis would see a decrease in their annual bill from \$864.94 to \$864.19 or \$0.75 or approximately 0.09%, based upon Delivery Rates and BGSS-RSG charges in effect on September 1, 2017, with the WNC set to the rate that was in effect for the 2016-2017 WNC Winter Period, and assuming that the customer receives gas commodity service from PSE&G.
2. The Parties further agree that upon Board approval of the above rate, the Company is authorized to issue revised Gas WNC Tariff Sheet Nos. 45, 46, and 47 to reflect the revised provisional WNC delineated in Paragraph 1 of the Stipulation applicable to gas customers to be effective on October 1, 2017. Copies of the proposed Tariff Sheets are attached to the Stipulation as Exhibit A.
3. The Parties understand that these changes are on a provisional basis, subject to true-up of the earnings for the Annual Period, and subject to an opportunity for a full review of all issues in this matter at the Office of Administrative Law, if necessary, and final approval by the Board.

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<sup>5</sup> All rates quoted herein include Sales and Use Tax ("SUT").

<sup>6</sup> Calculated as the therms used from November through March that are above the average usage for the summer months (June through September).

<sup>7</sup> Although summarized in this Order, the detailed terms of the Stipulation are controlling, subject to the findings and conclusion of this Order.

**DISCUSSION AND FINDING**

The Board, having carefully reviewed the record to date in this proceeding and the attached Stipulation, **HEREBY FINDS** that subject to the terms and conditions set forth below, that the Stipulation is reasonable, in the public interest and in accordance with the law. Accordingly, the Board **HEREBY ADOPTS** the Stipulation as its own as if fully set forth herein.

The Board **HEREBY APPROVES** on a provisional basis, subject to refund, the Company's implementation of an after-tax per therm WNC rate of \$0.023135, inclusive of SUT, and applicable to Rate Schedules RSG, GSG and LVG for the 2017-2018 Winter Period to be effective for service rendered on and after October 1, 2017. As a result of the stipulated provisional WNC, PSE&G's typical residential gas heating customers using 165 therms in a winter month and 1,010 therms on an annual basis would see a decrease in their annual bill from \$864.94 to \$864.19 or \$0.75 or approximately 0.09%, based upon Delivery Rates and BGSS-RSG charges in effect on September 1, 2017, with the WNC set to the rate that was in effect for the 2016-2017 WNC Winter Period, and assuming that the customer receives gas commodity service from PSE&G.

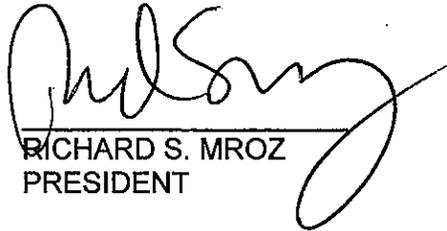
The Company is **HEREBY DIRECTED** to file the appropriate tariff sheets conforming to the terms and conditions of this Order by October 1, 2017.

The Company's costs, including those related to the WNC, remain subject to audit by the Board. This Decision and Order shall not preclude nor prohibit the Board from taking any actions determined to be appropriate as a result of any such audit.

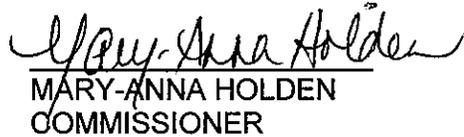
The effective date of this Order is September 29, 2017.

DATED: 9/22/17

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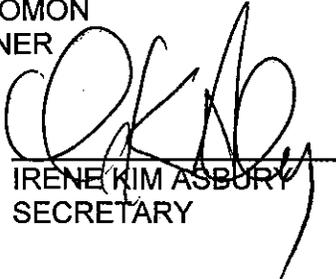
  
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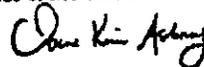
  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY  
TO REVISE ITS WEATHER NORMALIZATION CHARGE FOR THE 2017-2018 ANNUAL  
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September 14, 2017

In The Matter of the Petition of  
Public Service Electric and Gas Company  
to Revise its Weather Normalization Charge  
for the 2017-2018 Annual Period

BPU Docket No. GR17060720

***VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL DELIVERY***

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Dear Secretary Asbury:

Enclosed for filing by Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("Company"), please find an original and ten copies of the Company's Stipulation for Provisional Weather Normalization Charge in the captioned matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew Weissman".

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF	)	STIPULATION FOR
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS	)	PROVISIONAL WEATHER
COMPANY TO REVISE ITS WEATHER	)	NORMALIZATION CHARGE
NORMALIZATION CHARGE (WNC)	)	BPU Dkt. No. GR17060720
FOR THE 2017-2018 ANNUAL PERIOD	)	

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**Alex Moreau, Emma Yao Xiao, and Patricia A. Krogman**, Deputy Attorneys General, for the Staff of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (**Christopher S. Porrino**, Attorney General of New Jersey)

On June 29, 2017, Public Service Electric and Gas Company (“PSE&G” or the “Company”) filed its Petition with the Board of Public Utilities (“Board” or “BPU”) requesting approval to recover \$54,738,895, of which \$31,882,242 will be recovered over the 2017-2018 Winter Period with the remaining deficiency of \$22,856,653 to be recovered over the 2018-2019 Winter Period. The Weather Normalization Charge (“WNC”) will be collected from PSE&G gas customers receiving service under Rate Schedules Residential Service (“RSG”), General Service (“GSG”), and Large Volume Gas (“LVG”) during the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 Winter Periods (October 1 – May 31). As part of this Petition, PSE&G proposed a WNC for the 2017-2018 Winter Period of \$0.023135, including New Jersey Sales and Use Tax (“SUT”), applicable to Rate Schedules RSG, GSG, and LVG. The proposed rate per Balancing Term reflects the actual results for the 2016-2017 Winter Period to be recovered from customers during the 2017-

2018 Winter Period and represents a total amount to be recovered of \$31,882,242, with the remaining deficiency of \$22,856,653 to be recovered over the 2018-2019 Winter Period.

The WNC Tariff was first approved by the Board on July 9, 2010, as part of the Stipulation of Settlement of PSE&G's 2009 base rate case. Decision and Order Adopting Initial Decision with Modifications for Gas Decision, *I/M/O the Petition of PSE&G for Approval of an Increase in Electric and Gas Rates and for Changes in the Tariffs for Electric and Gas Service*, Dkt. No. GR09050422 (July 2010 Order). The BPU approved the permanent 2014-2015 PSE&G WNC rate and Tariff on April 15, 2015. Decision and Order, *I/M/O the Petition of PSE&G to Revise Its Weather Normalization Charge for the 2014-2015 Annual Period*, Dkt. No. GR14070656 (April 15, 2015).

In calculating the proposed WNC, PSE&G represents that it has utilized calculations required by the July 2010 Order and reflected in PSE&G's WNC Tariff. Specifically, PSE&G is required to calculate, at the end of each October-to-May period ("Winter Period"), the level by which margin revenues differed from what would have resulted if normal weather had occurred. The base level of normal degree days for the 2016-2017 Winter Period is defined in PSE&G's WNC Tariff. As approved by the Board, any excess or deficiency is to be credited or recovered in the following year during the Winter Period through the WNC.

In accordance with the WNC Tariff, PSE&G represents that it has trued-up the Degree Day Consumption Factors utilized in the determination of the proposed WNC at the end of the Winter Period. In addition, the revised WNC Tariff Sheets developed by PSE&G and included in the Petition reflect updated Degree Day Consumption Factors for the 2017-2018 Winter Period.

These calculations establish a margin revenue deficiency of \$30,843,325. In calculating the 2017-2018 WNC request for recovery, PSE&G represents that it has made two adjustments to the margin revenue deficiency in accordance with the WNC Tariff. First, in Docket No. GR16070617, the Board approved the collection of \$53,745,674 through the WNC of which \$33,547,730 was to be collected from October 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017 and \$20,197,944 was expected to be added to the WNC balance to be used to calculate the WNC rate for the 2017-2018 Winter Period. Due to the warmer than normal 2016-2017 winter weather, customer volumes were lower than anticipated, which resulted in a shortfall of the 2016-2017 Winter Period collections. The Company collected \$29,850,104 resulting in a balance of \$23,895,570 to be carried over to the 2017-2018 Winter Period. Second, the total WNC balance to be collected was further adjusted in its calculation of the WNC to ensure that it does not exceed three percent of the RSG total per therm rate, including RSG-BGSS charges and 63.54% of the Balancing Charge. This adjustment further reduces the WNC deficiency to \$31,882,242. The remaining deficiency of \$22,856,653 is anticipated to be carried over to the 2018-2019 Winter Period. PSE&G represents that it applied the earnings test in accordance with the WNC Tariff, and that no adjustment was required to assure the Company does not earn in excess of its allowed rate of return.

Subsequent to the June 29, 2017 filing, PSE&G made a Compliance Filing on August 30, 2017 in response to the Board's Order in the Company's Petition for Approval of Electric and Gas Base Rate Adjustments Pursuant to the Energy Strong Program ("Energy Strong Matter") in Docket Nos. ER17030324 and GR17030325. As a result of the settlement of the Energy Strong Matter, the Margin Revenue Factors for Rate Schedules RSG, GSG, and LVG were updated

in Tariff Sheet No. 46 effective September 1, 2017. The update to the Margin Revenue Factors is reflected in Exhibit A; however, it has no impact on the Company's request in this matter.

PSE&G, Board Staff, and the Division of Rate Counsel ("Parties"), the only parties to this proceeding, discussed certain matters at issue herein. As a result of those discussions, the Parties have determined that additional time is needed to complete the review of the proposed WNC and other aspects of the Company's filing. However, the Parties also agree that change in the Company's proposed WNC for the 2017-2018 Winter Period, on a provisional basis, is reasonable at this time.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE PARTIES STIPULATE AND AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

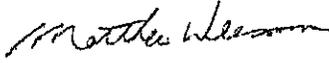
- 1) The Parties stipulate and request that the BPU provisionally approve PSE&G's WNC of \$0.021647 without SUT (\$0.023135 including SUT) per balancing term applicable to Rate Schedules RSG, GSG, and LVG for the 2017-2018 Winter Period. As a result of the stipulated provisional WNC, PSE&G's typical residential gas heating customers using 165 therms in a winter month and 1,010 therms on an annual basis would see a decrease in their annual bill from \$864.94 to \$864.19 or \$0.75 or approximately 0.09%, based upon Delivery Rates and BGSS-RSG charges in effect on September 1, 2017, with the WNC set to the rate that was in effect for the 2016-2017 WNC Winter Period, and assuming that the customer receives gas commodity service from PSE&G.
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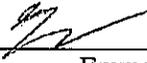
effective on October 1, 2017. Copies of the proposed Tariff Sheets are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

- 3) The Parties understand that these changes are on a provisional basis, subject to true-up of the earnings for the Annual Period, and subject to an opportunity for a full review of all issues in this matter at the Office of Administrative Law, if necessary, and final approval by the Board.
- 4) The Parties agree that this settlement for the provisional WNC reflects mutually balancing interests and contains interdependent provisions and, therefore, is intended to be accepted and approved in its entirety. In the event any particular aspect of this settlement is not accepted and approved in its entirety by the Board, this settlement shall be null and void, and the Parties shall be placed in the same position that they were in immediately prior to its execution.
- 5) The Parties further agree that a Board Order approving this settlement will become effective upon the service of said Order, or upon such date after the service thereof as the Board may specify, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 48:2-40.
- 6) The Parties further agree that this settlement for the provisional WNC has been made exclusively for the purpose of this proceeding and that this settlement, in total or specific item, is in no way binding upon them in any other proceeding, except to enforce the terms of this settlement for the provisional WNC.

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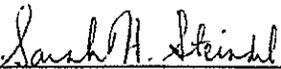
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**B.P.U.N.J. No. 15 GAS**

**XXX Revised Sheet No. 45**  
**Superseding**  
**XXX Revised Sheet No. 45**

**WEATHER NORMALIZATION CHARGE**

**CHARGE APPLICABLE TO  
RATE SCHEDULES RSG, GSG, LVG  
(Per Balancing Therm)**

	Weather Normalization Charge	Weather Normalization Charge including SUT
October 1, <del>2016-2017</del> through May 31, <del>2017-2018</del>	\$0.021647 <u>0.022795</u>	\$0.023135 <u>0.024362</u>
June 1, <del>2017-2018</del> through September 30, <del>2017-2018</del>	\$0.000000	\$0.000000

**Weather Normalization Charge**

This charge shall be applicable to the rate schedules listed above. The weather normalization charge applied in each Winter Period shall be based on the differences between actual and normal weather during the preceding winter period. The weather normalization charge shall be determined as follows:

**I. DEFINITION OF TERMS AS USED HEREIN**

**1. Degree Days (DD)**

- the difference between 65°F and the mean daily temperature for the day. The mean daily temperature is the simple average of the 24 hourly temperature observations for a day.

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	<u>Normal</u> <u>Degree Days</u>
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Nov - <del>16</del> 17	<u>526.39</u> <u>514.57</u>
Dec - <del>16</del> 17	<u>815.24</u> <u>819.31</u>
Jan - <del>17</del> 18	<u>1,005.70</u> <u>999.69</u>
Feb - <del>17</del> 18	<u>843.49</u> <u>838.55</u>
Mar - <del>17</del> 18	<u>697.87</u> <u>682.31</u>
Apr - <del>17</del> 18	<u>358.62</u> <u>357.52</u>
May - <del>17</del> 18	<u>127.53</u> <u>126.62</u>

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Month	RSG-Residential		Commercial			Industrial		
	Heating	Non-Heating	GSG		LVG	GSG		LVG
			Heating	Non-Heating		Heating	Non-Heating	
Oct.-4617	<del>106,936</del> 400,265	<del>2,872</del> 2,673	39,384 40,494	1,295 4,362	81,860 80,283	545 552	-	<del>6,671</del> 6,492
Nov.-4617	<del>195,957</del> 490,882	<del>8,613</del> 8,640	26,279 58,940	2,609 2,643	81,860 80,283	1,075 4,084	115 448	<del>6,671</del> 6,492
Dec.-4617	<del>244,471</del> 239,844	<del>11,825</del> 11,798	42,337 48,256	3,494 3,467	81,860 80,283	1,434 4,337	183 177	<del>6,671</del> 6,492
Jan.-4718	<del>235,679</del> 233,722	<del>11,758</del> 11,237	57,050 55,580	3,782 3,774	82,274 80,744	2,039 2,057	214 248	<del>6,672</del> 6,474
Feb.-4718	<del>240,480</del> 236,933	<del>11,629</del> 11,359	54,776 58,053	3,874 3,947	82,274 80,744	1,638 4,638	222 227	<del>6,672</del> 6,474
Mar.-4718	<del>234,561</del> 230,820	<del>12,252</del> 11,757	53,931 51,743	3,933 3,851	82,274 80,744	2,207 2,206	238 236	<del>6,672</del> 6,474
Apr.-4718	<del>210,553</del> 206,260	<del>13,559</del> 12,110	43,515 39,255	4,109 3,903	82,274 80,744	1,344 4,282	219 208	<del>6,672</del> 6,474
May-4718	<del>164,748</del> 459,370	<del>9,961</del> 9,516	25,772 24,602	4,446 4,258	82,274 80,744	710 683	167 443	<del>6,672</del> 6,474

The consumption factors established in advance of each Winter Period shall be based on the forecast number of customers by rate schedule. These factors shall be trued-up at the end of the Winter Period for which the factors apply in order to reflect the actual average number of customers by rate schedule.

**7. Margin Revenue Factor**

- the weighted average of the Distribution Charges as quoted in the individual rate schedules to which this clause applies net of applicable taxes. The weighted average shall be determined by multiplying the margin revenue component of the Distribution Charges of each rate schedule to which this clause applies by each rate schedule's percentage of total consumption of all the rate schedules to which this clause applies for the winter period and summing this result for all the rate schedules to which this clause applies. The Margin Revenue Factors shall be redetermined each time new base rates are put into effect.

**Margin Revenue Factors:**

Rate Schedule RSG	\$0.307818 0.308969
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**8. Annual Period**

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The WNC shall not operate to permit the Company to recover any portion of a margin revenue deficiency that will cause the Gas Utility to earn in excess of its allowed rate of return on common equity of 10.3% for the Annual Period; any portion which is not recovered shall not be deferred. For purposes of this section, the Gas Utility's rate of return on common equity shall be calculated by dividing the Gas Utility's regulated jurisdictional net income for the Annual Period by the Gas Utility's average 13 month common equity balance for such Annual Period. The Gas Utility's regulated jurisdictional net income shall be calculated by subtracting from total net income of the Gas Utility net income derived from clause mechanisms (Green Programs Recovery Charge, Capital Adjustment Charge, etc) that provide for a return on investment outside of base rates.

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**CHARGE APPLICABLE TO  
RATE SCHEDULES RSG, GSG, LVG  
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