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RE: In the Matter of the Petition of Public Service Electric & Gas Company for Approval of Its Clean Energy Future - Energy Efficiency ("CEF-EE") Program on a Regulated Basis

BPU Docket Nos. GO18101112 & EO1012113

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Dear Secretary Camacho:

Enclosed please find for filing an original and ten copies of Rockland Electric Company's Motion to Participate and supporting Certification of Margaret Comes, Esq. in the above-captioned matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Comes

Enclosures

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# IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE-ENERGY EFFICIENCY ("CEF-EE") PROGRAM ON A REGULATED BASIS BPU DKT. NOS. GO18101112 & EO10121113

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#### STATE OF NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF PUBLIC	$\mathbb{C}$ )	NOTICE OF MOTION TO
SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY FOR	)	<b>PARTICIPATE</b>
APPROVAL OF ITS CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE-	)	
ENERGY EFFICIENCY ("CEF-EE") PROGRAM	)	Docket Nos. GO18101112 &
ON A REGULATED BASIS	)	EO1012113

TO: Office of the Secretary

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All Parties on the Attached Service List

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:1-16.6, Rockland Electric Company ("Rockland" or "the Company") by its undersigned counsel, hereby moves to participate in the above-entitled proceeding.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in support of its Motion to Participate, Rockland submits the annexed Certification of Margaret Comes, Esq. dated November 14, 2018.

Dated: November 14, 2018

Margaret Comes, Esq. Associate Counsel

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#### STATE OF NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF PUBLIC)	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY FOR )	
APPROVAL OF ITS CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE- )	
ENERGY EFFICIENCY ("CEF-EE") PROGRAM )	Docket Nos. GO18101112 &
ON A REGULATED BASIS	EO1012113

- I, Margaret Comes, of full age, hereby certify as follows:
- 1, I am an attorney at law in the State of New Jersey and counsel for Rockland Electric Company ("Rockland" or "the Company").
- 2. On this day I caused Rockland's Motion to Participate and Certification of Margaret Comes, Esq. to be delivered via Federal Express to the Office of the Secretary of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities at 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, P.O. Box 35, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350.
- 3. On this day I caused copies of Rockland Motion to Participate and Certification of Margaret Comes, Esq. to be served by electronic mail to the entities on the enclosed Service List.

The foregoing statements made by me are true. I understand that if any of the foregoing statements are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Margaret Comes, Esq.

November 14, 2018

#### STATE OF NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF PUBLIC )	CERTIFICATION IN
ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY FOR )	SUPPORT OF MOTION
APPROVAL OF ITS CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE- )	
ENERGY EFFICIENCY ("CEF-EE") PROGRAM )	Docket Nos. GO18101112 &
ON A REGULATED BASIS	EO1012113

- I, Margaret Comes, of full age, do hereby certify as follows:
- I am Associate Counsel for Rockland Electric Company ("Rockland" or "the Company"), and an attorney admitted in the State of New Jersey. As such, I am familiar with the facts and circumstances concerning this matter, and I make this Certification in support of Rockland's Motion to Participate.
- 2. On October 11, 2018, Public Service Electric & Gas ("PSE&G" or "the Company") filed a petition in the above matter with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("the Board"). In the filing, the Company seeks approval to implement twenty-two sub-programs, including seven residential subprograms, seven commercial and industrial ("C&I") subprograms, and eight pilot subprograms (collectively, "2018 EE Programs"). The total proposed investment for the 2018 EE Programs is approximately \$2.8 billion (\$2.5 billion for investment and approximately \$283 million in operating and expenses over the proposed 6-year term of the program). PSE&G proposes to recover costs associated with the program and tracked via a new CEF-EE Program component ("CEF-EEC") of the Company's electric and gas Green Programs Recovery Charge ("GPRC"), which would be filed annually after the proposed initial period. In addition, the Company proposes a mechanism for recovering lost revenues and asks the Board to approve this mechanism.

- 3. Rockland is a New Jersey public utility, which maintains its principal office at One Lethbridge Plaza, Suite  $32 2^{nd}$  Floor, Route 17 North, Mahwah, New Jersey 07430. Rockland is engaged in the distribution and sale of electric energy for residential, commercial, and industrial purposes within New Jersey in the northern parts of Bergen and Passaic Counties and small areas in the northeastern and northwestern parts of Sussex County. Rockland is one of four investor-owned electric utilities in New Jersey. Rockland serves approximately 72,000 electric customers in New Jersey.
- 4. N.J.A.C. 1:10-16.6(a) sets forth the criteria for participation:[A]ny person or entity with a significant interest in the outcome of a case may move for permission to participate.
- 5. N.J.A.C. 1:10-16.6(b) sets forth the standards that must be weighted when the Board considers a motion to participate:
  - In deciding whether to permit participation, the judge shall consider whether the participant's interest is likely to add constructively to the case without causing undue delay or confusion.
- 6. Rockland is entitled to participate because as one of only four investor-owned electric utilities in New Jersey serving retail customers, it has a significant interest in the above-captioned proceeding, *N.J.A.C.* 1:10-16.6(a), and its interests will add constructively to this proceeding without causing undue delay or confusion. *N.J.A.C.* 1:10-16.6(b). Rockland's significant interest in the outcome of the proceeding is rooted in the fact that substantive policy and/or procedural requirements established in this proceeding can significantly influence, if not have a precedential effect over, the positions taken by parties in, and the outcome of, proceedings involving Rockland. Therefore, it is important that Rockland be permitted participant status in this proceeding, so that it may monitor developments and be apprised of potential policy developments, both substantive and procedural, on these important issues in a timely manner.

7. Rockland's interests in this proceeding, as an investor-owned electric utility serving retail

customers, are materially different from the petitioner, which represents its own interests, or the

other parties (e.g., Board Staff and the Division of Rate Counsel), who primarily represent

consumer interests.

Moreover, Rockland's interests will contribute to the development of a complete record 8.

for the consideration by the Board without causing any undue delay or confusion because the

proceeding has just commenced. N.J.A.C. 1:10-16.6(b). In this matter, Rockland intends only

to participate in order to receive copies of testimony, briefs and other materials, to monitor the

proceedings, and perhaps file briefs and/or exceptions. Rockland will abide by whatever

procedural schedule is set by the Board.

9. At this time, Rockland seeks only participant status and does not foresee expanding that

role. Rockland must, of course, reserve its right to seek full party intervener status if the relevant

circumstances underlying this proceeding change, and it can establish that it satisfies regulatory

requirements for such a change.

10. Rockland requests that all communications, correspondence, orders, and other

documentation relating to this proceeding be directed to the following persons:

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Rockland also requests that the above attorneys be placed on the official service list compiled for this proceeding.

11. According, Rockland respectfully requests that the Board grant its motion to participate in this proceeding, with the rights to argue orally, file briefs or statements, or file exceptions.

I hereby certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Dated: November 14, 2018

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Margaret Comes, Esq