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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
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ENERGY

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NEW JERSEY)	ORDER ON MOTION AND
NATURAL GAS COMPANY FOR A DETERMINATION)	REQUEST FOR EXTENSION
CONCERNING THE HOLMDEL REGULATOR STATION)	
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:55D-19 - 2017 PETITION)	
)	BPU DOCKET NOS. GO17010023
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NEW JERSEY)	and GO18111257
NATURAL GAS COMPANY FOR A DETERMINATION)	
CONCERNING THE HOLMDEL REGULATOR STATION)	OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 01160-17
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:55D-19 - 2018 PETITION)	and PUC 17810-18

Parties of Record:

Peter Dickenson, Esq. on behalf of the Township of Holmdel
James Meyer, Esq. on behalf of New Jersey Natural Gas Company
Brian O. Lipman, Esq., Director, New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel

BY THE BOARD:

This matter is before the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) regarding: 1) the Township of Holmdel’s (“Intervenor”) June 3, 2022 motion for an extension of the deadlines to file written exceptions and replies to exceptions to the May 18, 2022 Initial Decision of Administrative Law Judge Elia A. Pelios (“ALJ Initial Decision”); and 2) consideration of the need for a 45-day extension of time for the Board to issue its Final Decision in this matter

On June 3, 2022, Intervenor moved for an extension of time to permit exceptions to the ALJ Initial Decision be extended to July 1, 2022, and that the deadline for replies be extended to July 22, 2022. Intervenor’s motion indicated that it required additional time to review the voluminous hearing record, including thousands of pages of testimony and exhibits. On June 7, 2022, the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel indicated to Board Staff that it has no objection to the Intervenor’s motion.

On June 6, 2022, New Jersey Natural Gas Company (“NJNG” or “Petitioner”) filed a response to the Intervenor’s motion opposing the length of the extension. According to NJNG, it agreed to a lesser extension, and suggested a compromise schedule in which the exceptions would be due on June 16, 2022, and replies would be due on June 30, 2022. While NJNG opposed the longer timeline sought by Intervenor, Petitioner nonetheless requested that if the Board grants the Intervenor’s motion that the deadline for replies be extended to July 25, 2022.

DISCUSSION AND FINDING

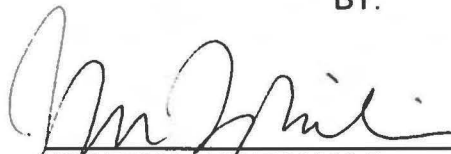
This matter arises from two (2) consolidated petitions filed in 2017 and 2018 concerning the construction of a gas regulator station at a location within the Township of Holmdel, New Jersey. As the Intervenor indicated in its moving papers, the record developed in this matter is extensive and includes thousands of pages of testimony and exhibits. Having carefully considered the extensive record in this matter, Intervenor's moving papers and NJNG's opposition, the Board hereby finds good cause and **HEREBY GRANTS** the Intervenor's request for an extension of the deadline to file exceptions to the ALJ's Initial Decision to July 1, 2022, and **HEREBY GRANTS** NJNG's corresponding request to extend the deadline to file replies to July 25, 2022.

Additionally, as the ALJ Initial Decision was received by the Board on May 18, 2022, the 45-day statutory period for the issuance of a Final Decision expires on July 5, 2022. The extended deadlines to file exceptions and replies necessitates a 45-day extension of time for the Board to adequately review the record in this matter and issue its Final Decision. Therefore, the Board **HEREBY FINDS** good cause exists for an extension of time, and **HEREBY ORDERS** that the time limit for the Board to render a Final Decision is extended until August 19, 2022.

DATED: June 8, 2022

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

BY:



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Date Board mailed Order to OAL: 6-8-2022



DATED: 6/9/22

BARRY E. MOSCOWITZ, ACTING DIRECTOR
AND CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

Date OAL mailed executed Order to Board: 6/9/22

Date Board mailed executed Order to Parties: 6-9-2022

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