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# CLEAN ENERGY

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY – STATE ENERGY PROGRAM – JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2021	) )	ORDER MODIFYING PROGRAM YEAR 2022 – 2023
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY – STATE ENERGY PROGRAM – JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022	) ) )	DOCKET NO. QO20020109  DOCKET NO. QO21020626
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY – STATE ENERGY PROGRAM – JULY 1, 2022 – JUNE 30, 2023	) )	DOCKET NO. QO22030140

#### Party of Record:

Brian O. Lipman, Esq., Director, New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel

BY THE BOARD:1

By this Order, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") considers the Division of Clean Energy ("DCE") 2022–2023 State Energy Program ("SEP") Plan for submission to the United States Department of Energy ("USDOE"). The total SEP Plan budget includes Program Year 1: SEP Plan for 2020–2021 ("PY1") and Program Year 2: SEP Plan for 2021–2022 ("PY2") federal funding and State match funding, as well as the updated federal funding allocation for PY3.<sup>2</sup> Board Staff ("Staff") seeks Board approval to accept \$11,340 in supplemental funding from the USDOE for Program Year 3: SEP Plan for 2022–2023 ("PY3"), which will increase PY3's budget from \$1,474,770 to \$1,486,110. The total allocation for the three-year program cycle will increase accordingly from \$4,420,620 to \$4,431,960. The updated budget for each program year and the total budget for the SEP three-year program cycle is as follows:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Commissioner Robert M. Gordon recused himself due to a potential conflict of interest and as such took no part in the discussion or deliberation of this matter.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> State match funding is \$294,216.00 in PY1 and \$294,954.00 in PY2 and is not required in PY3, so this funding totals \$589,170.00 over the three years.

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SEP Allocation Year	Allocation per Program Year	State Match
PY1	\$1,471,080.00	\$294,216.00
PY2	\$1,474,770.00	\$294,954.00
PY3	\$1,486,110.00	Not Required
SEP Program Total	\$4,431,960.00	\$589,170.00

## **BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

By Order dated April 6, 2022, the Board approved the 2022–2023 SEP Plan, including an allocation of \$1,474,770 in funding for 2022–2023.<sup>3</sup> In the April 2022 Order, the Board approved a total budget of \$4,420,620 in federal funding and a State match of \$589,170 over the three (3) years of the current SEP Plan, with the following Market Titles and associated budgets:

- State Energy Security Plan Development \$800,000
- Incorporating Health and Safety Measures into EE Upgrades \$600,000
- Building Sector Decarbonization Roadmap \$1,696,334
- State Energy Water and Benchmarking Study \$900,000
- Non-IOU Program \$416,786
- Training and Conferences \$7,500

In previous program cycles, the Board allocated \$7,500 annually to the Training and Conferences Market Title, for a total budget of \$22,500 over a typical three-year period. In the current three-year SEP Plan period, however, the Board did not add to this Market Title in PY2 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

On April 20, 2022, USDOE informed Staff that New Jersey's 2022–2023 SEP budget allocation had increased by \$11,340, bringing the total budget allocation from \$1,474,770 to \$1,486,110.

Staff recommends allocating the additional \$11,340 in PY3 funding to the Training and Conferences Market Title, thereby increasing that budget from \$7,500 to \$18,840 over the three-year SEP Plan period. These funds will enable Staff to participate in relevant training programs and conferences to the extent permitted in the time remaining in the current program cycle, i.e., through June 30, 2023. Due to the restrictions being lifted, Staff will be able to attend in-person trainings and conferences.

### **DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS**

The Board <u>HEREBY FINDS</u> that the additional funding for the 2022–2023 SEP Plan will help to provide adequate resources for Staff to participate in training programs and conferences that are relevant to advancing State and federal energy conservation and efficiency goals, including as they pertain to the Market Titles funded by the 2020–2023 SEP Plan. Accordingly, the Board

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> In re the United States Department of Energy – State Energy Program – July 1, 2020 – June 2021; In re the United States Department of Energy – State Energy Program – July 1, 2021 – June 2022; In re the United States Department of Energy – State Energy Program – July 1, 2022 – June 2023; Docket Nos. QO20020109, QO21020626, & QO22030140, Order dated April 6, 2022 ("April 2022 Order").

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behalf of the Board that allocates the additional \$11,340 to the Training and Conferences Market Title and to take appropriate measures to implement the 2020 – 2023 SEP Plan subject to and consistent with the USDOE's approval. The Board <u>HEREBY AUTHORIZES</u> the President of the Board or his designee to sign the necessary documents to submit as part of a revised 2022–2023 SEP Plan to the USDOE for approval.

This Order shall be effective on July 6, 2022.

DATED: June 29, 2022

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

BY:

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ATTEST:

CARMEN D. DIAZ ACTING SECRETARY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public Utilities.

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