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ENERGY

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF PUBLIC) ORDER
SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY FOR A)
DETERMINATION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS)
OF N.J.S.A. 40:55D-19 (NORTH CENTRAL RELIABILITY)
PROJECT)) DOCKET NO. EO11050323

Parties of Record:

Tamara L. Linde, Esq., Public Service Electric and Gas Company

BY THE BOARD:

On May 26, 2011, Petitioner Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G" or "Petitioner") filed a petition and thirteen testimonial exhibits marked as Exhibits P-1 through P-13 with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("BPU" or "Board"). On July 19, 2011, a prehearing conference was held in this matter. That conference was attended by various parties representing PSE&G, the Division of Rate Counsel, and Board Staff.

Upon consideration of the positions put forth at the conference, and the submissions provided following that conference, the Board finds the following:

1. NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS AND ISSUES TO BE RESOLVED:

Whether the petition by PSE&G satisfies the requirement set forth in N.J.S.A. 40:55D-19 such that the Board may authorize PSE&G to construct the proposed transmission line.

2. PARTIES AND ATTORNEYS OR REPRESENTATIVES:

Parties to this matter include PSE&G, the Division of Rate Counsel, and Board Staff. At this time, the Board will set a date for intervention/participation motions and responses, and thus, to date, no other parties have been formally admitted to the case. As intervention/participation motions are granted, the service list in this matter will be amended.

3. SPECIAL LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AS TO NOTICE OF HEARING:

PSE&G has served each municipality, as required by N.J.S.A. 40:55D-19.

4. SCHEDULE OF HEARING DATE, TIME, AND PLACE:

Evidentiary Hearings currently scheduled for December 12-16, 2011 at the Board's office, 44. S. Clinton Ave, Trenton, New Jersey.

Public hearings will be scheduled, at locations reasonable convenient to the affected municipalities, on a schedule to be determined. NJ Rate Counsel will have the opportunity for Oral Surrebuttal at the Evidentiary Hearings.

5. STIPULATIONS:

Stipulations among the parties are encouraged, but at this time, no stipulations have been entered in this matter.

6. SETTLEMENTS:

Settlement conference(s) among the parties are encouraged and may be convened at the convenience of the parties without prior approval or knowledge.

7. AMENDMENTS TO PLEADINGS:

At this time, there have not been any amendments to pleadings.

8. CASE EVENTS AND DATE FOR COMPLETION:

The parties in attendance at the Prehearing Conference of July 19, 2011 discussed proposals and options for a procedural schedule. Based upon that discussion and the considerations of the Board and the case, the following partial schedule has been set:

Last Date for Discovery Request on Initial Testimony	August 18
Requests for Intervention/Pro Hac Due	August 25
Objections to Requests for Intervention/Pro Hac Due	August 31
Responses to Objections to Requests for Intervention/Pro Hac Due	September 2
Responses to Discovery Requests on Initial Testimony	September 2
Last Date for Supplemental Discovery on Initial Testimony	September 13
Last Date for Responses to Supplemental Discovery on Initial Testimony	September 28
Public Hearings	September 7, 8, 22
Reply Testimony	October 7
Last Date for Discovery Requests on Reply Testimony	October 14

Last Date for Responses to Discovery Requests on Reply Testimony	October 28
Rebuttal Testimony	November 4
Last Date for Discovery Requests on Rebuttal Testimony	November 11
Last Date to Propound any Discovery on any Party	November 11
Last Date for Responses to Discovery Requests on Rebuttal Testimony	November 30
Evidentiary Hearings	December 12, 13, 15
Initial Briefs	January 6
Reply Briefs	January 27
Anticipated Board Action	March 2012

9. ORDER OF PROOFS:

To be determined.

10. EXHIBITS MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION:

None at this time.

11. EXHIBITS MARKED IN EVIDENCE:

None at this time.

12. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF FACT AND EXPERT WITNESSES:

Petitioners have submitted prefiled testimony of thirteen witnesses, including 1 witness that has provided testimony on behalf of PJM Interconnection, LLC. The Division of Rate Counsel anticipates 2 witnesses.

13. MOTIONS CONTEMPLATED, PENDING, OR GRANTED:

At this time, no motions for intervention have been submitted. Motions received prior to the deadline for intervention set above, are subject to the reply and response schedule set above, and are expected to be decided by the Board or a presiding Commissioner no later than September 7, 2011. PSE&G has agreed to respond to discovery requests made by any Intervenor issued throughout the discovery period.

14. OTHER SPECIAL MATTERS:

None.

The Board **HEREBY ISSUES** this prehearing order. The Board **FURTHER ORDERS** that Commission Fiordaliso, as the presiding Commissioner, is **HEREBY AUTHORIZED** to modify the schedule set by this Order, decide upon motions, and otherwise control the conduct of this case, without the need for full Board approval, subject to subsequent Board ratification.

DATED: 8/18/11

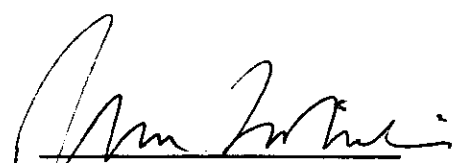
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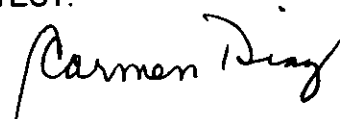


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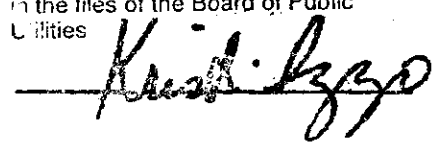
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