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ENERGY

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ROCKLAND)	ORDER APPROVING
ELECTRIC COMPANY REGARDING SWITCHING)	MODIFIED TARIFFS
REQUIREMENTS PER N.J.A.C. 14:4-2.6)	
)	DOCKET NO. ET18040459

Parties of Record:

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BY THE BOARD:

BACKGROUND

At its open public Board meeting on November 21, 2017, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") adopted amendments to its Energy Competition Regulations, N.J.A.C. 14:4, et seq.¹ These amendments, which were published in the New Jersey Register on December 18, 2017, included changes to N.J.A.C. 14:4-2.6 that modified the amount of time that electric and gas public utilities have to switch a customer's supplier, effective with enrollment or drop requests that are received by the utility on or after January 17, 2018.

LETTER PETITION

On April 26, 2018, Rockland Electric Company ("RECO" or "Company") filed a letter petition ("Letter Petition") with the Board seeking to modify its tariffs in response to the new switching time provisions of N.J.A.C. 14:4-2.6. Specifically, the proposed tariffs modify the switching time for electric customers from twenty (20) to thirteen (13) days and they provide for a seven-day rescind period. These switching times and the rescind period are consistent with N.J.A.C. 14:4-2.6.

On May 29, 2018, the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel submitted a letter to the Board stating that it does not object to the Company's tariff filing.

¹ In re the Proposed Amendments to N.J.A.C. 14:4 et seq. Government Energy Aggregation Programs, Energy Anti-Slamming, and Third Party Suppliers, BPU Docket No. EX14111343.

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

The Board has carefully reviewed the record in this matter including the Letter Petition and Rate Counsel's comments. Moreover, as represented by the Company, the modifications are intended to comply with N.J.A.C. 14:4-2.6 and do not propose changes to rates. Accordingly, the Board **FINDS** the proposed modifications are reasonable, in the public interest and consistent with N.J.A.C. 14:4-2.6.

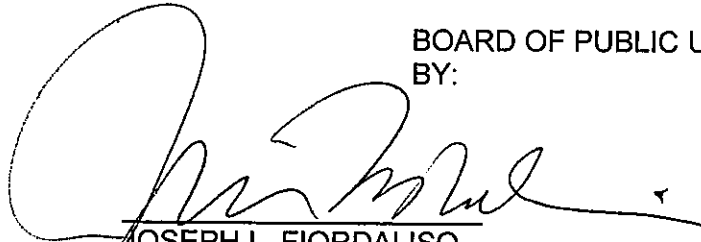

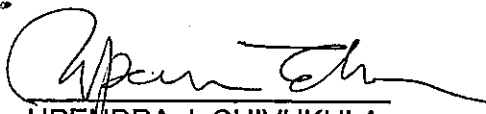
The Board **HEREBY APPROVES** the proposed modifications to RECO's tariffs as requested by the Company in its Letter Petition. The Board **FURTHER ORDERS** RECO to file tariffs consistent with the Board's Order by July 7, 2018.

The Company's costs will 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.

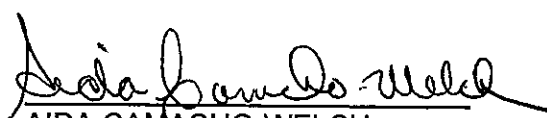
The effective date of this Order is July 2, 2018.

DATED: 6/22/18

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