

April 9, 2001

Frances L. Smith, Esq.
Board Secretary
Board of Public Utilities
Two Gateway Center
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Re: **In the Matter of the Filings of the
Comprehensive Resource Analysis of Energy
Programs
Docket Nos. EX99050347, EO99050348,
EO99050349, EO99050350, EO99050351,
GO99050352, GO99050353, GO99050354**

Dear Secretary Smith:

Atlantic City Electric Company, doing business as Conectiv Power Delivery, Jersey Central Power & Light Company, doing business as GPU Energy, New Jersey Natural Gas Company, NUI Elizabethtown Gas Company, Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Rockland Electric Company, and South Jersey Gas Company (collectively, hereinafter referred to as the "New Jersey Utilities"), hereby jointly file with the Board of Public Utilities (the "Board") their Program Compliance Filing ("Filing") in the captioned proceedings. The Filing, a collaborative effort by the utilities and the Natural Resources Defense Council, is being made in response to the mandate in the Board's Final Decision and Order ("Order") in these proceedings. The Filing consists of four parts as follows: Program Transition Plans; Updated Program Plans; Program Budgets for 2001; and Overviews of Program Evaluation, Energy Savings Protocols, Cost-Effectiveness and Reporting

The funding level for the year 2001 has been set per the Order at \$115 million. As directed by the Board, the 2001 programs include consistent statewide customer incentives as described in the Updated Program Plans. As with past program filings, actual expenditures may vary somewhat from the budgets. A report of program expenditures and activities will be provided to the Board staff each quarter.

The New Jersey Utilities respectfully request the Board's approval of this Compliance Filing, including provision for authorization to fully recover costs associated

with these programs as part of each utility's SBC. However, in anticipation of receiving that approval, as directed by the Board's Order on March 9, the Customer Sited Clean Energy Generation Program will begin statewide implementation by April 9, 2001 and the efficiency programs by May 9, 2001. Please note that the customer incentives for the energy efficiency programs as proposed in the attached Plan will be effective on May 9. However, as advised by the Board staff, the proposed revised incentives for the Customer Sited Renewable Program, will not become effective until the Board has approved them. Beginning April 9, the incentives for that Program will be effective as approved by the BPU in its Order on March 9.

A supplemental filing will be provided to the Board by the New Jersey Utilities by July 9, 2001 to provide specific plans and proposals regarding program evaluation, cost-effectiveness analysis, energy savings protocols, reporting formats and program performance incentives.

Kindly place one of the eighteen copies of the enclosed Filing in each of the above referenced Utilities' individual dockets and stamp one copy of this transmittal letter "filed" and return to Richard Fryling, Jr., Esq., attorney for Public Service Electric and Gas Company, in the envelope provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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