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Via FedEx

Kristi Izzo, Secretary
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
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Re: I/M/O the Board's Establishment of a Generic Proceeding
to Review Costs, Benefits and Reliability Impacts of Major Storm Event
Mitigation Efforts
BPU Docket No. AX13030197

I/M/O the Verified Petition of Rockland Electric Company for
Establishment of a Storm Hardening Surcharge
BPU Docket No. _____

Dear Secretary Izzo:

On November 27, 2013, Rockland Electric Company ("RECO" or the "Company") filed a Verified Petition ("Petition") with the Board seeking a change in base rates, that was subsequently transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law ("OAL") and assigned to the Honorable Irene Jones, ALJ.¹ Among other things, RECO's Petition (and included exhibits and testimony) proposed various incremental storm hardening and resiliency proposals and to establish a storm hardening surcharge at an initial level of 0.0 cents/kwh.

By letter from Board Staff dated February 26, 2014 ("Recall Letter"),² the Board requested that the portions of RECO's Base Rate Case pertaining to the requested approval of storm hardening measures and associated costs "be returned to the Board so that they may be made part of the generic proceedings."

¹ *I/M/O the Verified Petition of Rockland Electric Company for Approval of Changes in Electric Rates, Its Tariff for Electric Service, and its Depreciation Rates; Termination of the Smart Grid Surcharge; Establishment of a Storm Hardening Surcharge; and for Other Relief*, BPU Docket No. ER13111135; OAL Docket No. PUC 17625-2013N ("Base Rate Case").

² Letter dated February 26, 2014 from Jacob S. Gertsman, Esq., Legal Specialist/Transmitting Officer, to Kurt Schwartz, Deputy Clerk, Office of Administrative Law.

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The Company believes that it would be beneficial to the Board and the parties to identify and distribute the materials constituting its Storm Hardening Surcharge filing that are a part of the Verified Petition and that are now before the Board pursuant to the Recall Letter. Accordingly, the Company submits copies of the following materials which together constitute its Storm Hardening Surcharge filing:

- Verified Petition dated November 27, 2013 (see ¶¶8 and 9 and request for relief), along with Exhibit A, page 2 (Storm Hardening Surcharge Tariff Leaf);
- Direct Testimony of Electric Rate Panel (only pages 1-2, and 20 (line 16) – 22 (line 5));
- Direct Testimony of James L. Burke;
- Direct Testimony of Smart Grid Panel (only pages 1-4, and 23-40);
- Direct Testimony of Storm Hardening Panel; and
- Direct Testimony of System Enhancement Panel.

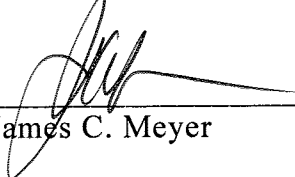
The Company submits only three copies for filing because these materials have already been filed and are in possession of Staff and Rate Counsel. Kindly stamp the extra (third) copy filed, and return it in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

The parties have already engaged in discovery on the Storm Hardening Surcharge filing within the Base Rate Case. The Company does not object to inclusion of its responses to relevant discovery requests in the above-captioned matter.

Pursuant to the Board's March 20, 2013 Order in the generic proceeding (Docket No. AX13030197), all storm hardening filings will be assigned a sub-docket number, will be retained by the Board for review and hearing, and will be assigned a presiding commissioner. The Company requests that it be advised as soon as possible of these designations by the Board.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or wish to discuss any matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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Establishment of a Storm Hardening Surcharge**

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