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Commissioner

December 16, 2015

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Mr. Michael J. Rohal, Administrator Glen Ridge Borough PO Box 66 Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028

Re: Green Acres Program

Project #: 0708-97-031

Hurrell Field Redevelopment

Dear Mr. Rohal:

On December 7, 2015, a Green Acres compliance inspection was conducted on the project listed above. At the time of the inspection, the above listed park appeared to be in compliance with Green Acres rules and regulations.

We appreciate the efforts you have made thus far in maintaining your facilities, for we understand the difficulties accompanying these operations. It is our continuing concern that the projects acquired and developed with Green Acres funds be operated and improved in accordance with the project agreements.

Green Acres next inspection of your parks will be in 2018. If questions arise regarding the use or stewardship of Green Acres encumbered parkland before the next inspection, please feel free to contact Dave Smith, Essex County Steward, at (609) 984-0622 or by email at David.Smith@dep.nj.gov If you have any questions or concerns regarding the inspections, please do not hesitate to call me at (609) 984-0629 or email me at Thomas.Stevens@dep.nj.gov. Your continued cooperation in these matters is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Thomas Stevens

Compliance Inspector

Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship

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December 14, 2015

Dear New Jersey Leader:

I'm pleased to share some great news with you this holiday season on a number of fronts. This winter our residential gas and electric customer bills are dropping. We received approval to move ahead with our \$905 million Gas System Modernization Program that will replace 510 miles of aging cast iron pipes. We are making great strides making New Jersey Energy Strong as we move forward with our program to make the system resilient against the next storm. And once again, for the 14th consecutive year, we were recognized as the leader in strong electric system reliability in the region.

Bill credits and lower gas rates this winter

Natural gas prices have dropped significantly, and we are pleased to be able to pass those savings on to our customers through bill credits and rate reductions.

During December, January and February, we are providing bill credits that will lower bills by about 30 percent for our typical residential gas-heating customer who receives gas supply from PSE&G. In addition to these bill credits, on October 1, we reduced our gas supply rate by 5.7 percent. As a result of these two actions, our customers are – in effect – paying 15 cents per therm to heat their homes. That's our lowest rate in 15 years.

Including this winter's bill credits, since January of 2009 annual bills for PSE&G's residential gas-heating customers will be 55 percent – or about \$900 – lower due to supply rate reductions.

Electric bills down 6.3 percent this year

Electric bills are down, too. Our customers are benefiting from expiring deregulation charges. Effective December 1, annual electric bills dropped 3.9 percent. This change is in addition to a 2.4 percent reduction earlier this year.

As a result of these reductions, the annual electric bill has dropped by about \$85 since January 1, 2015 for our typical residential electric customer who receives their supply from PSE&G.

Accelerating the modernization of our infrastructure

Last month, PSE&G received BPU approval for a three-year, \$905 million program to expedite the replacement of aging gas pipes. The program will enable PSE&G to accelerate the modernization of its cast iron and unprotected steel gas infrastructure -- replacing up to 510 miles of gas mains and 38,000 service lines over the three-year period. In addition to ensuring the continued safety and reliability of our gas system, our Gas System Modernization Program will create 500 direct, sustained jobs during the three-year program.

The work will take place across PSE&G's service territory in 11 counties, concentrating on urban areas established in the early 1900s, where much of the utility's cast iron and unprotected steel gas pipes are located. PSE&G is working with municipalities to determine when replacements will be done. Engineering and planning of the construction is under way, with work set to begin in the spring.

While accelerating the pace of gas main replacements for three years is a good start, more work needs to be done. PSE&G has nearly 5,000 miles of these old pipes in our system. Without an accelerated program like this one, it would take us 100 years to replace that infrastructure. Programs like the one just approved will enable us to get the replacements done in 30 years.

Progress making New Jersey Energy Strong

I'm pleased to report that we have made substantial progress to strengthen and protect our infrastructure against future storms – replacing gas pipes, raising and rebuilding electrical substations, and adding higher voltage lines on stronger poles. This work will keep more customers in service during a storm, and restore service faster in the aftermath.

We will complete our 250 miles of Energy Strong gas pipe replacement in the spring, and are ramping up our switching and substation work. We expect to have 29 stations fully protected, raised or relocated by the end of 2018.

The Energy Strong work is creating more than 2,000 jobs, bolstering New Jersey's economy. With additional regulatory approval, we are poised to do more. Systematic, long-term replacement allows for greater economies of scale, less municipal disruption and more efficient execution.

Up-to-date information about our Energy Strong work, including construction schedules by town, descriptions of projects and numbers to call for more information, is available at pseg.com/energystrong.

ReliabilityOne triple win

While we've been hard at work strengthening our infrastructure, our employees have kept a close eye on our ability to provide safe, reliable service day in and day out. In recognition of their results, PSE&G received three ReliabilityOne Awards last month from a major industry benchmarking firm. Not only were we recognized as the most reliable utility in the Mid-Atlantic region for the 14th year running, we also received accolades for outstanding outage response time and excellence in customer engagement.

As always, I welcome your comments and questions. Please reach out to me at ralph.larossa@pseg.com with your ideas on how together we can make New Jersey safer and stronger.

All of us at PSE&G wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season. I'll be back in touch in the New Year.

Sincerely,

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David Worrall of full age, being duly sworn according to law, on his oath says:

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David Worrall

Sworn and subscribed this 18th day of November, 2015 before me.

Notary Public of New Jersey

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