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**ESSEX COUNTY EXECUTIVE DIVINCENZO JOINS
ESSEX COUNTY SURROGATE STEPHENS TO ANNOUNCE THE GRAND OPENING
OF THE SURROGATE'S COURT SATELLITE OFFICE IN WEST ORANGE**

***Surrogate's Court Offers Satellite Office Services Monthly on 1st
Wednesdays for the Convenience of Essex County Residents and Their
Families***

Essex County, NJ – Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. and Essex County Surrogate Theodore N. Stephens, II announced today that the Essex County Surrogate's Court will offer Satellite Office Services at the Essex County Satellite Office on the first floor of the Essex County Park N Ride at 560 Northfield Avenue, West Orange. The office will be open on the first Wednesday of each month, starting on Wednesday, May 4th. The office will remain open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and scheduling will be on an appointment basis.

A Grand Opening will be held at the satellite office on Friday, April 29th at 12:00pm.

"I applaud Surrogate Stephens for expanding the services of his court to include a satellite office. Not everyone is able to travel to the Essex County Hall of Records to conduct business," DiVincenzo said. "The Surrogate's Court handles sensitive personal documents and the satellite services will make the office more accessible to the public," he noted.

"The Surrogate's Court is extremely pleased to be able to provide this enhanced level of service to the residents of Essex County," Stephens said. "By developing these beneficial and cost effective initiatives, the Surrogate's Office joins with the County Administration, Board of Chosen Freeholders and other Constitutional Officers in *Putting Essex County First*," he said.

The Essex County Surrogate's Court is almost certain to touch the lives of every person in the county at some time. Its functions include:

- Probating wills and administering estates and trusts for Essex County residents
- Processing adoptions and guardianship matters
- Managing the Minors' Intermingled Trust Fund, as custodian, for Essex County minors
- Serving as Deputy Clerk of the Essex County Superior Court
- Advising and assisting citizens in any matter pertaining to these services

To schedule an appointment, contact:

**Essex County Surrogate's Court
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & USEFUL LINKS

How do I check for possible estate records?

To request a search for the existence of an estate or Will:

1. Send a written search request, Attention: Surrogate's Court Vault, containing the decedent's name, date of death and last address (if known).
2. There is a \$10.00 search fee per name searched or variation of name. Include a check or money order made payable to the order of the "Essex County Surrogate."
3. Upon receipt of your written request and the fee, a search will be done.
4. If the search does not reveal an estate record, you will be notified.
5. If the search reveals an estate record, you will receive a letter containing the docket number, the name of the attorney of record (if any), the name and address of the executor/administrator, the number of pages the file contains, and the cost to provide the documents to you (\$3.00 per page).
6. If you decide to order the records, the letter will direct you as to the next steps.

Please note that each name will be considered a separate search. Also note that even if you have the estate docket number, your request will be considered a search request. If you do not wish to pay for a search, you may come to the Surrogate's vault and do a search, free of charge. Per page copy costs will still apply.

How do I obtain a certified copy of a death certificate?

Certified copies of death certificates are available from local Registrars for the municipality where the death occurred. The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services is also responsible for the state filing of birth, marriage and death certificates (also known as vital statistics).

What do I bring to the Surrogate's Court to Probate a Will?

The named executor must bring the following to the Surrogate's Court:

1. The original Will
2. Death certificate with raised seal
3. Executor's photo identification
4. Information that can be completed on the Pre-Visit Worksheet - This includes the names and addresses of closest next of kin. This would include any of the children of the decedent's deceased

children. This also would include the children of the decedent's deceased brothers or sisters, if the decedent had no surviving spouse or children.

5. Personal check or cash for filing fees and costs. Generally, filing fees and costs are approximately \$150-\$200. This varies based upon the length of the Will and complexities of the estate. The filing fee for the Will is \$100.00 dollars for the first two pages and \$5.00 for each additional page. The cost of Surrogate's Certificates is \$5.00 per certificate.

What are the Surrogate's Certificates used for?

They will show evidence of the authority of the personal representative to act. They are necessary to accomplish certain tasks such as transferring real estate, stock accessing or closing bank accounts, etc.

How many Surrogate's Certificates will I need?

You will generally need a Surrogate's Certificate for each asset to be transferred out of the decedent's name. A list of the estate assets should be prepared to show the number of transfers that will need to take place. It is a good idea to use the Surrogate's Pre-Visit Worksheet to record and organize the information. Should you discover additional assets, additional certificates can always be requested from the Surrogate's Vault.

When is an estate considered closed?

An estate is considered closed upon the executor, administrator or appointed next-of-kin filing the following in the Surrogate's Court:

1. Accounting (where formal court proceedings require filing an accounting)
2. Refunding Bond and Release forms from each beneficiary and
3. Tax waiver from the State of New Jersey

Who has the right to be appointed when an individual dies without a Will?

The surviving spouse or domestic partner has the first right. However, any heir may be appointed assuming they obtain the appropriate renunciations from any other heir who has an equal or prior right to be appointed.

What is the procedure in a small estate without a Will and no surviving spouse or domestic partner?

If a person dies without a Will and no surviving spouse or domestic partner, but does leave heirs and the total value of the real and personal property does not exceed \$10,000.00, one of the heirs with consent of the others may obtain an Affidavit of Next of Kin in lieu of filing a formal Administration.

What is the procedure in a small estate without a Will when there is a surviving spouse or domestic partner?

If a person dies without a Will and is survived by a spouse or domestic partner, and the total value of the real and personal property does not exceed \$20,000.00, the spouse or domestic partner may obtain an Affidavit of Surviving Spouse or Domestic Partner in lieu of filing a formal Administration.

Do I need to file a formal accounting if I represent an estate?

The answer is no. Formal accountings may be required if the estate is settled as part of formal court proceedings or in litigated estates. However, most estates in New Jersey are settled without formal court proceedings. A representative may, however, file an informal accounting with the court or obtain a written agreement/consent form from all of the beneficiaries to the estate that dispenses with the accounting, approves the actions of the representative and provides for the method or manner of distribution.

How do I prove that a distribution or legacies were paid?

Each beneficiary of the estate, including the Administrator/Executor will need to fill out and sign in front of a notary, a document called a Refunding Bond and Release. They are then filed in Surrogate's Court. If the decedent dies without a Will, the bond posted can only be cancelled when proof has been provided to the bonding agent that the refunding bonds and releases were filed for all of the beneficiaries.

Is it necessary to send copies of the Will to the beneficiaries?

The personal representative is required, within sixty days of probating the Will or taking out letters of administration, to notify the heirs at law, next of kin and beneficiaries in writing that the Will is probated, the date and place of the probate, the name and address of the personal representative and a statement that a copy of the Will shall be furnished upon request. A Proof of Mailing must be filed in the Surrogate's office evidencing the mailing.

How can I change my Will?

A Will can be changed by either using a codicil, which is an addition or supplement made to change or add provisions to your Will, or by drafting and executing a new Will. The codicil will republish the Will in all other respects. Remember that handwritten changes and markings made can invalidate the Will. The Surrogate will be unable to admit the Will for probate or appoint the named executor. The person seeking to have the will admitted will then have to file for permission to probate in the Superior Court.

When listing the decedent's assets for an administration, how do I come up with a value for the decedent's real property?

You MUST have supporting documentation for any value you list for real property in decedent's estate. You should bring one of the following with you to Surrogate's Court:

An appraisal (done within the past 3 months),
A broker's price opinion (done within the past 30 days),

or

The municipal property tax assessment card/record (current year)

How do I find New Jersey property tax assessment records online?

You may obtain property tax assessment records online at the New Jersey Association of County Tax Boards website (www.njacht.org). To search assessment records, you will need the block and lot numbers as well as any qualifier for the property you want to search.

Where Can I Get the "Annual Report of Guardian" Form?

The Annual Report of Guardian must be filed yearly on the anniversary date of a guardian's appointment, unless the judge specified otherwise on the date of appointment. File the original with the Surrogate and send a copy to the attorney that served as court-appointed counsel. The filing fee for this report is \$5.00 per page.

GUARDIANSHIP OF MINORS:

Why must a parent who is not in the minor's life have to sign a renunciation when funds are being placed with Surrogate's Court?

As parental rights have not been legally terminated, both parents have equal rights to be the guardian of their minor child's funds that are going to be held by the Surrogate's Court until the minor turns 18 years of age. In this instance, both parents cannot serve; therefore one parent must sign a renunciation in favor of the other parent being appointed as guardian.

Why must I renounce? I am active in my child's life and it sounds as if I am giving up my parental rights.

The renunciation is permission given from one parent to the other to be decision making party and contact for the minor child's funds that are going to be held by the Surrogate's Court until the minor turns 18 years of age. The renunciation is only with respect to the matters and/or funds in the Surrogate's Court. Moreover, any requests that a guardian makes for a withdrawal from the funds must be approved by a Superior Court judge.

Useful Links & Downloads

- Guardianship Association of New Jersey
<http://www.ganji.org/>
- New Jersey State Judiciary Official Website
<http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/>
- New Jersey State Judiciary Pro Se Self Help Resource Center
<http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/prose/index.htm>
- Social Security Administration
<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/>

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE AND
TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH FOR ANIMAL CONTROL
SERVICES

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In accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et seq. Interlocal Services Act*, the entities identified herein agree to the following terms and conditions:

THIS AGREEMENT is made by and between the Borough of Glen Ridge (hereinafter "Recipient") and ~~the Board of Health of~~ the Township of Bloomfield and its employees, agents and representatives (hereinafter "Provider") entered into on this ___st day of May, 2016.

THIS AGREEMENT shall be for the purpose of ensuring an animal control program in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 4:19-15:16 et seq.* and any other applicable administrative rules and/or statutes promulgated by the State of New Jersey for animal control.

THIS AGREEMENT shall adhere to all applicable local ordinances.

A. ADMINISTRATION:

- 1) Any stray dog, cat or other animal of unknown ownership charged with or suspected of biting a human shall be impounded and quarantined by the Animal Control Officer for at least ten (10) days according to the procedures of the Provider and *N.J.A.C. 8:23 A-1.10*. The Provider may require that such animal be quarantined at the Bloomfield John A. Bukowski Shelter for Animals if so ordered by a court of law or if deemed necessary by the Provider in order to protect the public.
- 2) Any dog, cat or other animal of known ownership charged with or suspected of biting a human shall be quarantined by the Borough of Glen Ridge Health Department for at least ten (10) days according to the procedures of the Recipient and *N.J.A.C. 8:23A-1.10*. The Provider may require that such animal be quarantined at the Bloomfield John A. Bukowski Shelter for Animals if so ordered by a court of law or if deemed necessary by the Provider in order to protect the public.
- 3) Pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 4:19-19*, the Provider will seize and impound any dog when such officer has reason to believe that the dog may have caused injury in a manner as described in *N.J. S. A. 4:19-19 et seq.*

B. SERVICES:

- 1) The Provider will provide Bloomfield animal control services and shall make its services available during regular working hours, Monday through Saturday, 8:30AM to 4:30PM.
- 2) All animal control regulations and programs adopted by ordinance by the Recipient upon execution of this Agreement will be enforced and provided by the Provider.

- 3) New animal control programs, ordinances and ordinance amendments created or passed by the Recipient during the term of this Agreement must be provided within ten (10) days of adoption to the Provider by the Recipient unless agreed to otherwise.
- 4) Any change to the terms and conditions of this Agreement requiring the Provider to provide services that alters the workforce/man hours needed for any new ordinances or programs the Recipient passes or creates shall be subject to additional compensation over and above the stated contract amount.
- 5) The Provider shall have its representative(s) appear in court and testify in cases where a summons is issued on behalf of the Recipient and a trial is required.
- 6) Patrolling of streets and public and private property and conducting dog and/or cat censuses are not covered under this contract.
- 7) Rabies control (i.e. Rabies clinics) programs will be conducted at regularly scheduled sites within Bloomfield Township, in addition to any rabies control clinic conducted by the Recipient. The Provider will provide adequate notice of the date, time and location of its Rabies control programs. The provisions of this Agreement do not extend to Rabies clinics solely sponsored by the Recipient.
- 8) The Provider will trap animals, in accordance with the provisions herein, for transportation to the Bloomfield John A. Bukowski Shelter for Animals. Requests by the Recipient for trapping or removal of feral cats covered under this contract must be made in advance (seven (7) days) in order for the Provider to assure space availability at the Bloomfield John A. Bukowski Shelter for Animals. The Provider will not accept animals trapped by the Recipient, its agents or residents.
- 9) The Provider and the Recipient agree to jointly develop and the Recipient will distribute pamphlets or other materials to educate residents of the Recipient on the public health issues associated with feeding unowned cats and wild animals or other animal control policies and regulations as necessary.
- 10) When necessary the Provider will provide for the humane destruction and proper disposal of animals in its care.
- 11) Transportation to the New Jersey Department of Health & Senior Services Laboratory of the head of a deceased animal alleged or suspected of having rabies shall be provided by the Provider.
- 12) The pick-up, preparation and transportation of specimens for laboratory analysis for West Nile Virus or any other disease surveillance required by the State of New Jersey will be the responsibility of the Provider.
- 13) The Provider will only euthanize, trap and/or relocate wild animals that pose an imminent public health threat and only in accordance with New Jersey State statutes, rules, regulations and policies, including the current "Policy on the

Wildlife” issued by the State of New Jersey’s Division of Fish and Wildlife. The Provider will not euthanize or relocate nuisance wildlife.

- 14) Removal of any dead animal, including wildlife, on private or public property, unless noted otherwise herein, is not covered under this Agreement.
- 15) The Provider will provide proper and adequate record keeping and documentation of services rendered to the Recipient and will provide such documentation to the New Jersey State Department of Health as necessary.
- 16) The Provider shall provide the Recipient and its Board of Health with monthly activity reports and a summary table of all monthly activities at the end of each calendar year.
- 17) The Recipient shall be responsible for initial response to after-hour emergency calls. The Recipient may call upon the Provider for after-hour emergencies as defined below. After-hour emergency calls are calls received on Sundays, Bloomfield Township recognized Holidays or Monday through Saturday between the hours of 4:30 PM and 8:30 AM. The Police Department, Health Department or any other Official so charged by the Recipient may initiate emergency calls.

An emergency is defined as:

- A. An animal presenting an immediate danger or threat to human health or safety;
- B. An injured or sick wild animal or an injured or sick domestic animal at-large, lost, abandoned or otherwise not under the possession/control of its owner and/or the owner is not available or cannot be located;
- C. A bat (or other wild animal at relative high risk of rabies) inside the living quarters of a house (private residence).

Routine strays or other matters of a non-emergency nature will not require an emergency response and will be handled during regular working hours as noted in Paragraph 1 above.

C. INSURANCE:

- 1) The Provider will maintain liability, malpractice, worker’s compensation and all mandated coverage for its employees.
- 2) The Recipient must maintain comprehensive general liability insurance and name the Board of Health of the Township of Bloomfield, the Township of Bloomfield and its employees and agents as additional insured.
- 3) The Provider shall hold the Recipient harmless from any and all claims arising out of the performance of this contract by the Provider, its agents, servants or employees

including, but not limited to, claims for personal injury, property damage and worker's compensation, and agrees to reimburse the Recipient for any and all costs, legal fees, claims and judgments which may be paid by the Recipient arising out of the performance of this contract by the Provider.

D. DURATION:

The terms of this Agreement shall be one (1) year. This Agreement is effective beginning on the effective date of this Agreement.

E. FINANCIAL TERMS:

- 1) The services under this Agreement will be performed during regular working hours, 8:30AM to 4:30PM, Monday through Saturday. Services performed on Sundays, Monday through Saturday between the hours of 4:30PM and 8:30AM or officially recognized Holidays of the Provider will constitute overtime services payable as described in Paragraph 2 below.
- 2) The Recipient will reimburse the Provider for all overtime costs incurred resulting from the performance of this Agreement or for services outside the scope of this Agreement that are performed by the Provider at the specific request of Recipient or other persons authorized by the Recipient to act on behalf of Recipient. The Recipient will reimburse the Provider at the agreed overtime rate of the Provider, with a minimum charge of three (3) hours for any portion of time within the first (3) hours, for animal control services/officers. In the event that an overtime call results in more than three (3) hours, the Recipient will reimburse the Provider at one-third (1/3) of the below stated rate for each additional hour provided. The three (3) hour rate for the contract period is established at \$141.
- 3) For the services provided as herein set forth, the Recipient agrees to pay the Provider the sum of \$15,968 payable as follows: \$3,992 upon execution, and three (3) additional payments of \$3,992 payable at the beginning of each quarter. The Provider will deliver an invoice for payment for the amount noted above in addition to any overtime cost incurred by the Recipient during the corresponding quarter.
- 4) The Provider will bill the Recipient by invoice at the beginning of each quarter in accordance with paragraph 3 above.

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- 5) Emergency treatment will be rendered to any obviously ill or injured domestic animal, when feasible, while in the possession of the Provider or its ACOs. Charges for such treatment shall be the responsibility of the animal's owner and payable to the Provider. If such owner is not identified, the Recipient will not be charged for treatment.
- 6) The payments set forth above shall include all costs incurred by the Provider in the maintenance of the Bloomfield John A. Bukowski Shelter for Animals, costs, expenses and maintenance of vehicles and all necessary insurance, which the Provider agrees to provide.
- 7) Any resident of the Recipient may redeem his or her dog, cat or other pet from the Bloomfield John A. Bukowski Shelter for Animals according to the fee schedule set by the operator of the facility.
- 8) All Provider animal shelter fees incurred by residents of the Recipient will be retained by the Provider and its shelter.

F. EXTENSION OF TIME:

The terms of this Agreement may be automatically extended for successive 12 month period unless renegotiated or terminated by either party. The automatic renewal shall provide in a 2% cost increase, as set forth in Paragraph E(3) above. A new Agreement, inclusive of costs, must be presented to the Recipient within ninety (90) days prior to the contract expiration date, with the renegotiation period commencing one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the contract expiration date.

G. TERMINATION:

Either party may terminate this Agreement by providing one hundred eighty (180) days advance written notification by certified copy of its intentions to terminate the Agreement and setting forth the proposed date of withdrawal. During a period of renegotiation as noted in Section F above, either party may terminate said Agreement by providing thirty (30) days advance written notification by certified copy of its intentions to terminate the Agreement and setting forth the proposed date of withdrawal. During a period of renegotiation, if notice of termination is not received timely, the Provider will continue to provide services under the terms of the Agreement. Notification within this section shall be by first class United States Postal Service certified and return receipt mail.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, each party has caused its authorized officials to sign this Agreement on its behalf on this ___ day of May 2016 .

ATTEST:

NOTICE TO PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A SECOND EXTENSION OF A SOLAR GENERATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM AND ASSOCIATED COST RECOVERY MECHANISM AND FOR CHANGES IN THE TARIFF FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE B.P.U.N.J. NO. 15 ELECTRIC PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.1 AND N.J.S.A. 48:3-98.1

Notice of a Filing

BPU Docket No. XXXXXXXXXX

TAKE NOTICE that, Public Service Electric and Gas Company (Public Service, PSE&G, the Company) filed a Petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (Board, BPU) in May 2016 requesting approval to extend the current PSE&G Solar Generation Investment Extension Program, through the addition of 100 megawatts (MW) of solar capacity to New Jersey's renewable portfolio over four years under a program entitled Solar Generation Investment Extension Program II (Program). The Program will be comprised of a single segment that will expand on the development of solar installations on landfills and brownfields in the State of New Jersey, originally initiated and approved by the Board.

PSE&G seeks BPU approval to invest approximately \$240 million over a five-year period that will allow PSE&G to continue in the critical role in meeting the State's renewable energy goals through the development of solar systems consistent with the solar energy directives set forth in New Jersey's Energy Master Plan and the Solar Act. Additionally the Company is requesting approval of \$36 million for risk and contingency which includes unforeseen site conditions as well as approximately \$20 million to operate and maintain the systems placed in service. Approval of this filing would initially increase rates to be paid by the Company's electric customers by \$0.8 million over a 12 month period.

PSE&G proposes to recover all Program costs through a new separate component of the electric Green Programs Recovery Charge (GPRC) entitled Solar Generation Investment Extension II Program (SGIEIIP). The SGIEIIP component will be applicable to all electric rate schedules. The component would be reviewed and modified in an annual filing.

The Company is requesting that any over/under recovery of actual revenue requirements compared to revenues would be deferred. In calculating the monthly interest on net over and under recoveries, the interest rate would be based upon the Company's interest rate obtained on its commercial paper and/or bank credit lines utilized in the preceding month. The

proposed electric GPRC, if approved by the Board, is shown in Table #1.

Table #2 provides customers with the approximate net effect of the proposed increase in rates relating to the SGIEIIP, if approved by the Board. The annual percentage increase applicable to specific customers will vary according to the applicable rate schedule and the level of the customer's usage. The approximate effect of the proposed increase on typical electric residential monthly bills, if approved by the Board, is illustrated in Table # 3.

Based on the filing, a typical residential electric customer using 750 kilowatt-hours per summer month and 7,200 kilowatt-hours on an annual basis would see an initial increase in the annual bill from \$1,243.92 to \$1,244.08, or \$0.16 or approximately 0.01% based on Delivery Rates and Basic Generation Service Residential Small Commercial Pricing [BGS-RSCP] charges in effect May 7, 2016 and assuming that the customer receives BGS-RSCP service from PSE&G.

The Board has the statutory authority pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, to establish the GPRC to levels it finds just and reasonable and adjust the Company's tariffs as appropriate. Therefore, the Board may establish the GPRC at a level other than that proposed by Public Service. Therefore, the described charges may increase or decrease based upon the Board's decision.

Copies of the Company's filing are available for review at the Company's Customer Service Centers, online at the PSEG Web site at <http://www.pseg.com/pseandgfilings> and at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, Seventh Floor, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350.

**Table #1
GPRC Charges**

	Solar Generation Investment Extension Program II Component of the GPRC		Total GPRC	
	Present (Incl. SUT)	Proposed (Incl. SUT)	Present (Incl. SUT)	Proposed (Incl. SUT)
GPRC Electric - \$ per kWhr	\$0.000000	\$0.000021	\$0.001484	\$0.001505

**Table #2
Impact By Electric Customer Class**

PROPOSED PERCENTAGE INCREASES BY CUSTOMER CLASS FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE		
	Rate Class	% Increase
Residential	RS	0.01%
Residential Heating	RHS	0.02
Residential Load Management	RLM	0.01
General Lighting & Power	GLP	0.01
Large Power & Lighting - Secondary	LPL-S	0.02
Large Power & Lighting – Primary	LPL-P	0.02
High Tension – Subtransmission	HTS-S	0.02

The percent increases noted above are based upon Delivery Rates and the applicable Basic Generation Service (BGS) charges in effect May 7, 2016 and assumes that customers receive commodity service from Public Service Electric and Gas Company.

**Table #3
Residential Electric Service**

If Your Annual kWhr Use Is:	And Your Monthly Summer kWhr Use Is:	Then Your Present Monthly Summer Bill (1) Would Be:	And Your Proposed Monthly Summer Bill (2) Would Be:	Your Monthly Summer Bill Increase Would Be:	And Your Monthly Percent Increase Would Be:
1,920	200	\$36.58	\$36.58	\$0.00	0.00%
4,320	450	79.26	79.27	0.01	0.01
7,200	750	132.54	132.56	0.02	0.02
7,800	803	142.31	142.33	0.02	0.01
13,160	1,360	245.05	245.08	0.03	0.01

- (1) Based upon current Delivery Rates and Basic Generation Service Residential Small Commercial Pricing (BGS-RSCP) charges in effect May 7, 2016 and assumes that the customer receives BGS-RSCP service from Public Service Electric and Gas Company.
- (2) Same as (1) except includes the Solar Generation Investment Extension Program II component of the Green Programs Recovery Charge.

**Matthew M. Weissman
General Regulatory Counsel - Rates**

PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY

NOTICE TO PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY CUSTOMERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF ELECTRIC AND GAS BASE RATE ADJUSTMENTS PURSUANT TO THE ENERGY STRONG PROGRAM

Notice of a Filing and Notice of Public Hearings | Docket Nos. ER16030272 and GR16030274

TAKE NOTICE that on March 31, 2016, Public Service Electric and Gas Company (Public Service, PSE&G, the Company) filed a Petition and supporting documentation with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (Board, BPU) seeking Board approval for electric and gas base rate changes to provide for cost recovery associated with the Company's Energy Strong Program (Energy Strong).

On May 21, 2014, the Board issued an Order approving Energy Strong in Docket Nos. EO13020155 and GO13020156. The Order provided approval to invest up to \$1.0 billion, recovered through future base rate adjustments, to harden its electric and gas infrastructure to make them less susceptible to damage from wind, flying debris and water damage in anticipation of future major storm events and to strengthen the resiliency of PSE&G's delivery system. These investments were anticipated to be made over a three-year period beginning on the effective date of the Board's Order, with certain investments anticipated to be made over a five-year period.

Under the Company's proposal, PSE&G seeks Board approval to recover in base rates an estimated annual revenue increase associated with the capitalized investment costs of Energy Strong incurred through May 31, 2016, of approximately \$23.2 million from the Company's electric customers and \$23.5 million from the Company's gas customers.

For illustrative purposes the estimated Base Rates effective September 1, 2016, including New Jersey Sales and Use Tax (SUT) for Residential Rate Schedules RS and RSG, are shown in Table #1 below.

Tables #2 and #3 below provide customers with the approximate impact of the proposed increase in rates relating to Energy Strong, if approved by the Board. The annual percentage increase applicable to specific customers will vary according to the applicable rate schedule and the level of the customer's usage.

Under the Company's proposal, a typical residential electric customer using 750 kilowatt-hours per summer month and 7,200 kilowatt-hours on an annual basis would see an increase in the annual bill from \$1,243.60 to \$1,249.60, or \$6.00 or approximately 0.48%. The approximate effect of the proposed increase on typical electric residential monthly bills, if approved by the Board, is illustrated in Table #4 below.

Under the Company's proposal, a residential gas heating customer using 100 therms per month during the winter months and 610 therms on an annual basis would see an increase in the annual bill from \$552.89 to \$560.75, or \$7.86 or approximately 1.42%. Also, a typical residential gas heating customer using 165 therms per month during the winter months and 1,010 therms on an annual basis would see an increase in the annual bill from \$869.53 to \$882.51, or \$12.98 or approximately 1.49%. The approximate effect of the proposed gas base rate change on typical gas residential monthly bills, if approved by the Board, is illustrated in Table #5 below.

Any rate adjustments with resulting changes in bill impacts found by the Board to be just and reasonable as the result of the Company's filing may be modified and/or allocated by the Board in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and for other good and legally sufficient reasons to any class or classes of customers of the Company. Therefore, the described charges may increase or decrease based upon the Board's decision.

Copies of the Company's filing are available for review at the Company's Customer Service Centers, online at the PSEG Website at <http://www.pseg.com/pseandgfilings>, and at the Board of Public Utilities at 44 South Clinton Avenue, Seventh Floor, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350.

The following dates, times and locations for public hearings have been scheduled on the Company's filing so that members of the public may present their views. Information provided at the public hearings will become part of the record of this case and will be considered by the Board in making its decision.

<p>June 7, 2016 4:30 and 6:00 PM Middlesex County Administration Building Freeholders Meeting Room 1st Floor Meeting Room 75 Bayard Street New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901</p>	<p>June 8, 2016 4:30 and 6:00 PM Bergen County Administration Building Learning Center Meeting Room 4th Floor – Room 460 1 Bergen County Plaza Hackensack, New Jersey 07601</p>	<p>June 15, 2016 4:30 and 6:00 PM Burlington County Administration Building Board of Chosen Freeholders Board Room 1st Floor 49 Rancocas Road Mt. Holly, New Jersey 08060</p>
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In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, such as interpreters, listening devices or mobility assistance, 48 hours prior to the above hearings to the Board's Secretary at the following address.

Customers may also file written comments with the Secretary of the Board of Public Utilities at 44 South Clinton Avenue, 3rd Floor, Suite 314, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625-0350, ATTN: Secretary Irene Kim Asbury, whether or not they attend the public hearings. To review PSE&G's rate filing, visit <http://www.pseg.com/pseandgfilings>.

Table #1 – ELECTRIC AND GAS BASE RATES for Residential RS and RSG Customers – Rates if Effective September 1, 2016

		Base Rates	
		Charges in Effect March 1, 2016, Including SUT	Proposed Charges in Effect September 1, 2016, Including SUT
Electric	RS		
	Service Charge	per month	\$2.43
	Distribution 0-600, June-September	\$/kWh	0.038529
	Distribution 0-600, October-May	\$/kWh	0.035678
	Distribution over 600, June-September	\$/kWh	0.042617
	Distribution over 600, October-May	\$/kWh	0.035678
		Charges in Effect March 1, 2016, Including SUT	Proposed Charges in Effect September 1, 2016, Including SUT
Gas	RSG		
	Service Charge	per month	\$5.84
	Distribution Charge	\$/Therm	0.311309
	Off-Peak Use	\$/Therm	0.155655
	Basic Gas Supply Service-RSG (BGSS-RSG)	\$/Therm	0.401235

Table #2 – Proposed Percentage Change by Customer Class for Electric Service for Rates if Effective September 1, 2016

Electric		
	Rate Class	Percent Change
Residential	RS	0.48%
Residential Heating	RHS	0.48
Residential Load Management	RLM	0.41
Water Heating	WH	0.81
Water Heating Storage	WHS	0.11
Building Heating	HS	0.58
General Lighting & Power	GLP	0.42
Large Power & Lighting- Sec.	LPL-S	0.30
Large Power & Lighting- Pri.	LPL-P	0.23
High Tension-Subtr.	HTS-S	0.14
High Tension-HV	HTS-HV	0.13
Body Politic Lighting	BPL	1.50
Body Politic Lighting-POF	BPL-POF	0.52
Private Street & Area Lighting	PSAL	1.49
Overall		0.40

The percent increases noted above are based upon March 1, 2016 Delivery Rates, the applicable Basic Generation Service (BGS) charges, and assumes that customers receive commodity service from Public Service Electric and Gas Company.

Table #3 – Proposed Percentage Change by Customer Class for Gas Service for Rates if Effective September 1, 2016

Gas		
	Rate Class	Percent Change
Residential Service	RSG	1.45%
General Service	GSG	1.27
Large Volume Service	LVG	0.91
Street Lighting Service	SLG	1.98
Firm Transportation Gas Service	TSG-F	0.79
Non-Firm Transportation Gas Service	TSG-NF	0.42
Cogeneration Interruptible Service	CIG	0.52
Overall		1.24

The percent increases noted above are based upon March 1, 2016 Delivery Rates, the applicable Basic Gas Supply Service (BGSS) charges, and assume that customers receive commodity service from Public Service Electric and Gas Company.

Table #4 – Residential Electric Service for Rates if Effective September 1, 2016

If Your Annual kWh Use Is:	And Your Monthly Summer kWh Use Is:	Then Your Present Monthly Summer Bill (1) Would Be:	And Your Proposed Monthly Summer Bill (2) Would Be:	Your Monthly Summer Bill Increase Would Be:	And Your Monthly Summer Percent Increase Would Be:
1,920	200	\$36.57	\$36.97	\$0.40	1.09%
4,320	450	79.24	80.14	0.90	1.14
7,200	750	132.50	134.00	1.50	1.13
7,800	803	142.27	143.88	1.61	1.13
13,160	1,360	245.00	247.72	2.72	1.11

- (1) Based upon Delivery Rates and Basic Generation Service Residential Small Commercial Pricing (BGS-RSCP) charges in effect March 1, 2016 and assumes the customer receives BGS-RSCP service from Public Service Electric and Gas Company.
- (2) Same as (1) except it includes the change for the Energy Strong Program.

Table #5 – Residential Gas Service for Rates if Effective September 1, 2016

If Your Annual Therm Use Is:	And Your Monthly Winter Therm Use Is:	Then Your Present Monthly Winter Bill (1) Would Be:	And Your Proposed Monthly Winter Bill (2) Would Be:	Your Monthly Winter Bill Increase Would Be:	And Your Monthly Winter Percent Increase Would Be:
180	25	\$25.75	\$26.08	\$0.33	1.28%
360	50	45.67	46.32	0.65	1.42
610	100	86.42	87.71	1.29	1.49
1,010	165	138.82	140.94	2.12	1.53
1,224	200	167.04	169.61	2.57	1.54
1,836	300	247.60	251.47	3.87	1.56

- (1) Based upon Delivery Rates and Basic Gas Supply Service (BGSS-RSG) charges in effect March 1, 2016 and assumes that the customer receives commodity service from Public Service.
- (2) Same as (1) except it includes the change for the Energy Strong Program.



PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY

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**NEW JERSEY TRANSIT CORPORATION
FISCAL YEAR 2016 REQUEST FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

The New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT), under Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, and under provisions of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), gives notice of its intent to apply for Federal Fiscal Year 2016 federal financial assistance, Federal Fiscal Year 2015, Federal Fiscal Year 2014, and Federal Fiscal Year 2013 carryover funds from the following programs: \$447.55 million under 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 for operating and capital assistance; \$185.16 million under Section 5337 State of Good Repair; \$60.94 million under Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities; \$22.09 million under 49 U.S.C. Sections 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Person's with Disabilities and Section 5311 Rural Transportation Program; \$342.06 million of Federal Highway Authority; and \$1,322.05 billion under Section 5324 Public Transportation Emergency Relief for a total of \$2,379.85 billion.

Federal operating funds will be matched as required with funds provided by the State of New Jersey and local recipients in conformance with Federal and State guidelines. NJ TRANSIT intends to provide the non-Federal share of capital projects through credit for toll revenues. The Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Federal program is described below.

FISCAL YEAR 2016 FEDERAL PROGRAM

**Proposed Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program
(in Millions of Dollars)**

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>FEDERAL</u>
Bus Rolling Stock	29.70
Bus Signs/Shelters Maint/Upgrade Program	1.64
Commuter Ferry Project	6.00
Cumberland County Bus Program	1.02
East Windsor Community Shuttle Operation Support	0.10
Elizabeth Rail Station Project	25.27
Howell Garage CNG Compressor	0.10
Hudson-Bergen LRT-MOS II	37.80
Lackawanna Cutoff	18.65
Lyndhurst Station Project	14.40
Maplewood Substation	1.30
Morris Plains Shelter Renovation	0.30
Morristown Station Rehab	0.65
Newark Penn Station	4.06
NPS Storm Protection	1.70
NY Access Improvements	16.76
Passenger Ferry Project	6.00
Perth Amboy High ADA Improvements	14.13
Preventive Maintenance – Bus	119.10
Preventive Maintenance – Rail	78.85
Rail Rolling Stock	52.14
ROC UPS	4.60
Signal Renewal	13.00
Watsessing Station Rehab	0.28
Total:	\$447.55

**Proposed Section 5337 State of Good Repair
(in Millions of Dollars)**

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>FEDERAL</u>
Preventive Maintenance - Rail	185.16
Total:	\$185.16

**Proposed Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities
(in Millions of Dollars)**

<u>ROJECT</u>	<u>FEDERAL</u>
Bus Rolling Stock	40.31
Bus Signs/Shelters Maint/Upgrade Program	1.80
Frank R. Lautenberg Ground Transportation	3.47
Howell Garage CNG Fill Station Expansion	10.73
Newark Penn Station	0.19
SJBRT/Avandale Park Ride	4.44
Total:	\$60.94

**Proposed Section 5310, 5311
(in Millions of Dollars)**

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>FEDERAL</u>
Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Person's with Disabilities	14.26
Rural Transportation Assistance Program	7.83
Total:	\$22.09

**Proposed Federal Highway Authority (FHWA)
(in Millions of Dollars)**

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>FEDERAL</u>
DVRPC Local Initiatives	0.50
Light Rail Vehicle Capacity Extenders	47.00
New Bus & Rail Services	1.06
Preventive Maintenance – Bus	53.78
Preventive Maintenance – Rail	114.72
Rail Rolling Stock	125.00
Total:	\$342.06

**Proposed Section 5324 Public Transportation Emergency Relief
(in Millions of Dollars)**

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>FEDERAL</u>
Super Storm Sandy Repair/Restoration Projects	46.03
Super Storm Sandy Competitive Resiliency Projects	1,276.02
Total:	\$1,322.05

A. Property Acquisition/Environmental, Economic, and Social Aspects

Any property acquisition or relocation that may be required will be conducted in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the law and regulatory requirements. As appropriate, the social, economic, environmental, and relocation aspects of the projects will be investigated. If required under applicable laws and regulations, interim findings may be presented at a future public hearing and further public comment will be solicited. Prior to the implementation of any of the projects and to the extent required, NJ TRANSIT may prepare an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to Federal regulations. The availability of this document will be made known by publication in the same manner as this notice. NJ TRANSIT will adhere to all Federal statutes and regulations affecting structures or properties eligible for or on the National Register of Historic Places.

B. Comprehensive Planning

NJ TRANSIT projects are developed in coordination with the following planning organizations: The North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, which is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Northeast New Jersey urbanized area; the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, which is the designated MPO for Camden, Mercer, Burlington, and Gloucester counties; and the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization, which is the designated MPO for Cumberland, Salem, Atlantic, and Cape May counties. The MPOs are the forums for local decision-making concerning the proposed projects. The projects are developed in consultation with local elected officials, interested citizens, and providers of private bus services.

C. Private Enterprise Participation

Through the comprehensive planning process administered by the MPOs and ongoing communication with NJ TRANSIT's Office of Private Carrier Affairs, NJ TRANSIT continues to discuss with private carriers their participation in the capital program. In addition, NJ TRANSIT encourages, to the maximum extent possible, the participation of the private sector in the development and implementation of public transportation in the State of New Jersey.

D. Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities

Services to be provided will be consistent with NJ TRANSIT's program of reduced interstate and intrastate rail and bus fares for senior citizens and persons with disabilities. Every reasonable effort will be made to plan and design program elements involving facilities generally available to the public with careful consideration of the special needs of senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

E. Public Input

NJ TRANSIT invites public comments on the above projects and its performance. Request for additional information on NJ TRANSIT's program of projects, written comments and/or requests for a public hearing should be sent to Joyce J. Zuczek, Board Secretary, Office of the Secretary to the Board, NJ TRANSIT, One Penn Plaza East, Newark, New Jersey 07105-2246 by **June 30, 2016**.

Based on comments received in response to this notice and information made available, NJ TRANSIT may modify the above program before final submission to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and will make a determination, pursuant to FTA regulations, as to whether a public hearing is in order. The above list of proposed projects will become the final list of projects unless notification is provided in the same manner as this public notice.

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