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> DIVISION OF ENERGY

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY FOR A DETERMIAION PURSUANT TO THE PROISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40:55D-19 (SUSQUEHANNA-ROSELAND)

SCHEDULING ORDER

DOCKET NO. EM09010035

SERVICE LIST ATTACHED

BY COMMISSIONER JOSEPH L. FIORDALISO:

On January 21, 2010, in response to a Secretary's Letter from the Board, Steven R. Herling, Vice President – Planning for PJM Interconnection, submitted a letter updating and reaffirming his prior testimony as to the need for the Susquehanna – Roseland transmission line in this proceeding.

On January 22, 2010, counsel for the Municipal Intervenors submitted a letter to the Board asking that the unsworn statements of Mr. Herling be stricken from the record. The Municipal Intervenors also request a pre-hearing conference in the event the Board proposes to schedule any further testimony on the PJM letter. On January 25, 2010, counsel for the Environmental Intervenors submitted a letter in the request to join in the objections made by the Municipal Intervenors.

At this time, and in light of the letter and the importance of the underlying issue, I am <u>HEREBY REOPENING</u> the record and <u>HEREBY SCHEDULING</u> an additional opportunity for testimony on the issues addressed in the January 21, 2010 PJM letter.

On Tuesday, February 2, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board's Newark Offices, I will hold a one-day supplemental evidentiary session for the sole purpose of providing testimony and cross-examination on the issues raised and covered by PJM in the January 21, 2010 letter. Mr. Herling will be provided an opportunity to present direct testimony on the issues raised in his letter while under oath, and the various intervenors, including the Municipal Intervenors, will have the opportunity to perform cross examination on those topics covered by the letter and the direct. In addition, the Municipal Intervenors may also present testimony on the issues raised by the PJM letter, and, if necessary, they may have their witness available via telephone. If that is necessary, I would ask counsel for the Municipal Intervenors to reach out to the Board's counsel to make the appropriate arrangements.

Additionally, a number of parties have requested that the Board order PSE&G to "procure and provide" updated sensitivity analyses, such as were provided in the Virginia and Maryland

situations.* I decline to so order at this time. After hearing the testimony and cross-examination in the evidentiary hearing on February 2, 2010, I will determine whether there is a need for any additional information.

Finally, based upon the limited nature of the hearing, I do not find that a pre-hearing conference is necessary at this time.

This provisional ruling is subject to ratification or other alteration by the Board as it deems appropriate during the proceedings in this matter.

DATED: January 25, 2010

COMMISSIONER

In fact, a renewed request was received by the Board from the Environmental Intervenors on January 25. 2010.