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VIA FACSIMILE (FAX) AND FEDERAL EXPRESS

Robert Piel, Assistant Director
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Land Use Regulation
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**RE: PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY ("PSE&G")
FRESHWATER WETLANDS INDIVIDUAL PERMIT APPLICATION
FLOOD HAZARD AREA INDIVIDUAL PERMIT APPLICATION
FOR THE SUSQUEHANNA -ROSELAND TRANSMISSION LINE NJDEP
APPLICATION NUMBER 0000-08-0010.1**

Dear Mr. Piel:

Please accept this letter on behalf of PSE&G as notification that PSE&G is withdrawing the above-referenced Flood Hazard Permit Application ("FHA") for the portion of the Susquehanna to Roseland Transmission Line Project (the "Project") from and including the proposed Hopatcong Switching Station east to and including the Project's eastern termination at the Roseland Switching Station ("Hopatcong-East"). PSE&G is withdrawing this FHA application because the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP") has determined that PSE&G's Freshwater Wetlands Individual Permit ("FWW") application for the portion of the Project that runs west from the Hopatcong Switching Station to the Pennsylvania border ("Hopatcong West") is administratively incomplete based, in part, upon NJDEP's conclusion that this portion of the Project does not have a determination of need from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("NJBPU"), and that NJBPU's determination of need is for the entire Project. NJDEP has indicated that the department will be reviewing the application for the FHA for the Hopatcong-East portion of the Project under the same standard of need.

Please note that PSE&G anticipates submitting an amendment to the above-referenced pending application for a FWW for the Hopatcong-East portion of the Project to include the Hopatcong-West portion of Project. At the time the amendment is submitted, the above-referenced FWW application will cover the entire Project. PSE&G also anticipates submitting a FHA application for the entire Project.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at the above referenced number.

Very truly yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John G. Valeri, Jr.", written over a white background.

C: Assistant Commissioner Marilyn Lennon (via email)
Director Thomas Micai (via email)
Chief of Staff - Magdalena Padilla (via email)