

STATE OF NEW JERSEY Board of Public Utilities Two Gateway Center Newark, NJ 07102 <u>www.nj.gov/bpu/</u>

> DIVISION OF ENERGY AND OFFICE OF CLEAN ENERGY

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NEW JERSEY
NATURAL GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OFORDER ADOPTING SCHEDULENATURAL GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF
REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE
PROGRAMS AND ASSOCIATED COST RECOVERY
MECHANISMS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 48:3-98.1ORDER ADOPTING SCHEDULE
AND SETTING MANNER OF
SERVICE
DOCKET NO. GO10030225

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

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BY COMMISSIONER NICHOLAS ASSELTA:

On March 29, 2010, New Jersey Natural Gas Company ("NJNG" or "Company") filed a petition with the Board requesting approval to implement certain energy efficiency programs and a solar energy program, and an associated cost recovery mechanism.

By Order dated May 12, 2010, the Board retained this matter for review and hearing, and pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A</u>. 48:2-32, designated me as the presiding officer who is authorized to rule on all motions that arise during the pendency of these proceedings, and modify any schedules that may be set as necessary to secure a just and expeditious determination of the issues.

Under that authority, to expedite the review of these matters while providing an opportunity for discovery and public comment, I <u>HEREBY SET</u> the procedural schedule described on Attachment A which was previously agreed to by the Company, Board Staff and the Department of the Public Advocate, Division of Rate Counsel. This schedule is subject to such modifications as may be necessary and appropriate in the interests of economy and justice.

In the interest of economy, all parties are <u>HEREBY</u> <u>DIRECTED</u> to electronically serve all documents, in addition to any filings which must be made with the Board, to the service list with two (2) hard copies provided to a designee of each party.

Finally, I HEREBY DIRECT Staff to post this Order on the Board's website.

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

DATED: 05/14 /2010

BY:

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ATTACHMENT A NJNG 98.1 Filing- GO10030225 Schedule

Motions to Intervene/Participate Due	May 21, 2010
Discovery Requests on Initial Testimony*	May 27, 2010
Oppositions to Motions to Intervene/Participate	May 28, 2010
Responses to Discovery on Initial Testimony	June 7, 2010
Discovery Conference	Week of June 7, 2010
Second Round of Discovery Due	June 18, 2010
Responses to Second Round of Discovery Due	June 25, 2010
Public Hearings	July 2010 (with BGSS hearing)
Intervener / Respondent Testimony	July 9, 2010 (Friday)
Discovery on Intervener/Respondent Testimony	July 16, 2010
Responses to Discovery on Intervener/Responder Testimony	July 26, 2010
Rebuttal Testimony	August 6, 2010
Discovery on Rebuttal Testimony	August 11, 2010
Responses to Discovery on Rebuttal Testimony	August 16, 2010
Evidentiary Hearings (if necessary)*	August 17 and 19, 2010
Position Papers	August 31, 2010
Anticipated Board Action	September 16, 2010

Discovery will proceed on a rolling basis subject to the scheduled end date, with responses due within seven (7) business days unless otherwise agreed to by the parties.
 Settlement Conference - TBA

 Oral Surrebuttal allowed at Evidentiary Hearing
 Responses from Rate Counsel witness Andrea Crane can be provided by July 29, 2010