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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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In Reply Refer To:  
PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. and  
Public Service Electric and Gas  
Company  
Docket Nos. ER12-2274-000  
ER12-2274-001

PSEG Services Corporation  
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Attention: Matthew M. Weissman

Dear Mr. Weissman:

1. On May 7, 2013, you filed a Settlement Agreement and Offer of Settlement (Settlement) on behalf of the Settling Parties<sup>1</sup> in the above-captioned dockets, which involves PSE&G's request to recover certain costs associated with the abandonment of the Branchburg-Roseland-Hudson (BRH) Project. On May 28, 2013, the Commission's Trial Staff filed comments supporting the Settlement. No other comments were filed. On May 31, 2013, the Settlement Judge certified the Settlement to the Commission as an uncontested settlement.<sup>2</sup>

2. The Settlement resolves all the issues set for hearing in the captioned proceedings regarding the reasonableness of PSE&G's incurred abandonment costs associated with

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<sup>1</sup> "Settling Parties" collectively include Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) and the New Jersey Division of the Rate Counsel. According to PSE&G, the Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate, the Maryland Office of People's Counsel, and the Commission's Trial Staff do not oppose resolution of this proceeding on the terms set forth in the Settlement.

<sup>2</sup> *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. and Public Service Electric and Gas Company*, 143 FERC ¶ 63,011 (2013).

the BRH Project and the period over which those costs will be recovered. The Settlement appears to be fair and reasonable and in the public interest and is hereby approved. The Commission's approval of the Settlement does not constitute approval of, or precedent regarding, any principle or issue in this proceeding.

3. The Settlement was not filed in the eTariff format required by Order No. 714. Therefore, PSE&G is required to make a compliance filing within thirty days in eTariff with tariff provisions that reflect the Commission's action in this order. *See Electronic Tariff Filings*, Order No. 714, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,276 (2008).

4. As provided for in the Settlement, the Commission's review of any proposed modifications to the Settlement shall be based on the just and reasonable standard under sections 205 and 206 of the Federal Power Act, whether the change is proposed by a settling party, a non-party, or by the Commission acting *sua sponte*. The Commission retains the right to investigate the rates, terms, and conditions under the just and reasonable standard of section 206 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 824e (2006).

5. This order terminates Docket No. ER12-2274-000. Consistent with the Settlement, PSE&G's October 17, 2012 request for clarification or rehearing is deemed withdrawn and Docket No. ER12-2274-001 is hereby terminated.

By the direction of the Commission.

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.