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IN THE MATTER OF THE PROVISION OF  
BASIC GENERATION SERVICE FOR THE )  
PERIOD BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2007 -  
AUCTION RESULTS

ENERGY

DECISION AND ORDER

) Docket No. EO06020119

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

By Order dated December 22, 2006, the Board of Public Utilities ("Board") approved, with modifications and clarifications, the joint Basic Generation Service ("BGS") proposal of Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G"), Jersey Central Power & Light Company ("JCP&L"), Conectiv Power Delivery ("Conectiv") and Rockland Electric Company ("Rockland") (collectively the "EDCs"), for two descending clock auctions to secure the EDCs' BGS electricity requirements for the period beginning June 1, 2007 ("December 22 Order"). In an attempt to mitigate the risk to ratepayers, the Board directed the EDCs to procure approximately one-third of the EDCs' current fixed-price ("BGS-FP") BGS load for a 36-month period.<sup>1</sup> The Board also found that a 12-month procurement period for the EDCs' hourly load BGS customers ("BGS-CIEP") is appropriate and reasonable. In its December 22 Order, the Board also committed to review the results of the BGS-FP Auction and the BGS-CIEP Auction (collectively the "BGS Auctions" or "Auctions") each in its entirety and certify the results of each auction for all of the EDCs, or for none of them, no later than the second business day after the last Auction closes.

The results of the BGS Auctions, if approved by the Board, would then be converted into revised BGS rates for customers beginning June 1, 2007. This is the sixth year that the Board has authorized a similar auction process to secure BGS supply.

The Auction Manager responsible for conducting the 2007 auction was National Economic Research Associates ("NERA"). NERA brings expertise in the conduct of simultaneous descending clock auctions in the energy and telecommunications industries, and was the Auction Manager for the five previous BGS Auctions. The Auctions were continuously monitored by Staff from the

<sup>1</sup> Approximately two-third of the EDC's BGS-FP requirements are already under contract through May 31 2008 and one-third through May 31, 2009 as a result of the 2005 and 2006 BGS-FP Auctions.

Division of Energy, as well as by the Board's consultant, Boston Pacific Company, Inc. ("BP"). BP was retained to assist the Board in this process. BP has experience with simultaneous descending clock auctions and energy industry experience.

### BGS-CIEP AUCTION SUMMARY

The BGS-CIEP Auction began on February 2, 2006, and ended on February 6, 2006 after 29 rounds with all of the EDCs' 120 tranches<sup>2</sup> secured, with the following closing prices for each EDC:

	Closing Price <u>\$/Mwday</u>	Total Tranches <u>Secured</u>
CONNECTIV	135.61	13
JCP&L	121.56	29
PSE&G	128.77	76
ROCKLAND	153.31	2

A list of the BGS-CIEP Auction winners is included in Attachment A to this Order. This is an increase in the number of winning bidders from 3 in the 2006 Auction to 6 winning bidders in the 2007 Auction.

### BGS-FP AUCTION SUMMARY

The BGS-FP Auction began on February 5, 2006 and ended on February 7, 2006 after 22 rounds with all of the EDCs' 51 tranches<sup>3</sup> secured, with the following closing prices for each EDC:

	Closing Price <u>¢/Kwh</u>	Total Tranches <u>Available</u>
CONNECTIV	9.959	7
	9.964	15
PSE&G	9.888	28
ROCKLAND	10.999	1

<sup>2</sup> A Tranche in the BGS-CIEP Auction is equivalent to approximately 25 Mw.

<sup>3</sup> A tranche in the BGS-FP Auction is approximately 100 Mw.

A list of the BGS-FP Auction winners is included in Attachment A to this Order. This is an increase in the number of winning bidders from 10 in the 2006 Auction to 13 winning bidders in the 2007 Auction.

### **Auction Oversight**

NERA has provided the Board with a confidential final report that includes an in-depth analysis of how the BGS-FP and BGS-CIEP Auctions were conducted, and also includes a post-Auction evaluation form. The analysis in support of accepting the Auction results indicates, in part, that:

- no issues nor questions were left unresolved prior to the Auctions that created uncertainty for bidders;
  - no procedural problems nor errors were observed during the Auctions; all communication protocols were followed;
  - no hardware nor software problems with the Auctions and communication systems were observed;
  - no security breaches were observed during the Auction process;
  - all guidelines for setting or changing the Auction parameters were followed;
  - there was no evidence of confusion or misunderstanding on the part of bidders that delayed or impaired the Auctions in a material manner;
  - communications between the Auction Manager and bidders was timely and effective;
  - there was no evidence that bidders were rushed;
  - no complaints were received from the bidders;
  - the Auctions were carried out in a fair and transparent manner;
  - there was no evidence of collusion nor gaming by the bidders;
  - public and sensitive information were treated appropriately;
  - there were no factors exogenous to the Auctions that materially affected the Auctions;
- and  
the Auctions appear to have generated a result that is consistent with competitive bidding, market-determined prices, and efficient allocation of the BGS-FP and BGS-CIEP loads.

BP has also provided the Board with a confidential post-Auction evaluation form for the BGS-FP and BGS-CIEP Auctions, as well as a supplemental checklist on how the Auctions were conducted. BP's analysis is consistent with NERA's analysis. Both consultants recommend that the Board accept the final Auction results.

### **AUCTIONS' FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

The independent NERA and BP analyses are consistent with each other and indicate that the Auctions proceeded without meaningful interruption, according to the Board-approved Auction Rules, in an acceptably fair and transparent manner, and recommend that the Board certify the Auction results. Staff assigned to oversee the Auctions has also briefed the Board on the conduct and results of each auction.

After reviewing the reports from NERA and BP, and discussing the results and conduct of the Auctions with Staff, NERA and BP, the Board FINDS that:

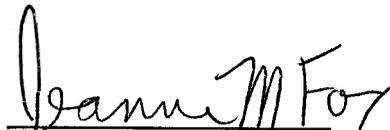
- bidders had sufficient information to prepare for the Auctions;
- information was generally provided to bidders in accordance with the published timetable, and the timetable was adjusted appropriately as needed;
- there were no Auction issues or questions left unresolved prior to the Auctions that created material uncertainty for bidders;
- from what could be observed, there were no procedural problems nor errors with the Auctions, including the electronic bidding process, the back-up bidding process, and communications between bidders and the Auction Manager;
- from what could be observed, communication protocols between bidders and the Auction Manager were adhered to;  
appropriate data back-up procedures were planned and carried out;  
no security breaches were observed during the Auction process;
- from what could be observed, communication protocols among the EDCs, NERA, Staff, the Board, and BP were followed during the Auctions;  
protocols were followed for decisions regarding changes in the Auction parameters (e.g. volume, load cap, bid decrements);  
the calculations (e.g. for bid decrements or bidder eligibility) produced by the Auction software were double-checked or reproduced off-line by the Auction Manager;
- there was no evidence of confusion or misunderstanding on the part of bidders that delayed or impaired the Auctions;
- from what could be observed, the communications between the Auction Manager and bidders was timely and effective;
- there were no complaints received from the bidders about the process;
- the Auctions were carried out in an acceptably fair and transparent manner;
- there was no evidence of gaming on the part of bidders;  
there was no evidence of collusion among bidders;
- information was made public in an appropriate manner, and from what could be observed sensitive information was treated appropriately;
- there were no factors exogenous to the Auctions (e.g. changes in market environment) that materially affected the Auctions in unanticipated ways);  
there are no concerns with the Auctions' outcome with regard to any specific EDC(s);  
the Auctions appear to have generated a result that is consistent with competitive bidding, market-determined prices, and efficient allocation of the BGS-FP and BGS-CIEP loads.

Based on the foregoing, the Board HEREBY CERTIFIES the final results of the BGS-FP and BGS-CIEP Auctions in their entirety and subsequently APPROVES the closing prices for each EDC. Furthermore, the Board ORDERS the EDCs to execute the necessary documents, including the BGS Master Supply Agreements with the winning bidders, to implement the BGS rates resulting from the Auctions beginning June 1, 2007 and to file tariff sheets reflecting those rates by March 1, 2007.

Consistent with past Board practice, the Board is releasing the names of the winning bidders at this time. The Board, however will not, at this time, release the specific tranche and service area details for each successful bidder, so as not to compromise the position of the winning bidders in the marketplace. The Board plans to make this additional information public prior to June 1, 2007.

DATED: 2/9/07

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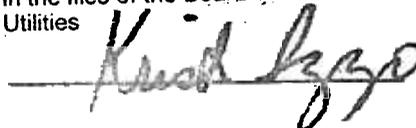
  
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public Utilities



## ATTACHMENT A

### I/M/O The Provision Of Basic Generation Service For The Period Beginning June 1, 2007 Docket No. EO06020119

Auction Winners Approved by the Board of Public Utilities on February 9, 2007.

#### *BGS-FP Auction Winners*

Conectiv Energy Supply, Inc.  
Constellation Energy Commodities Group. Inc.  
DTE Energy Trading, Inc.  
Energy America, LLC  
Exelon Generation Company  
LLC, Hess Corporation  
J.P. Morgan Ventures Energy Corporation  
Morgan Stanley Capital Group Inc.  
NRG Power Marketing Inc.  
PPL EnergyPlus, LLC  
PSEG Energy Resources & Trade LLC  
Sempra Energy Trading Corp.  
WPS Energy Services, Inc.

#### *BGS-CIEP Auction Winners*

Consolidated Edison Energy, Inc.  
Constellation Energy Commodities Group. Inc.  
Dominion Retail, Inc.  
DTE Energy Trading, Inc.  
FPL Energy Power Marketing, Inc.  
PSEG Energy Resources & Trade LLC.