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Ralph A. LaRossa, President & C.O.O. Public Service Electric and Gas Company 80 Park Plaza, T12A Newark, NJ 07102

Re: N.J.A.C. 14:5-9.1 et seq. Vegetation Management

Dear Mr. LaRossa:

After reviewing a report by its staff regarding the recently re-adopted Vegetation Management regulations, N.J.A.C. 14:5-9.1 et seq., the Board, at its May 8, 2008 agenda meeting, determined to re-open this Subchapter to allow additional stakeholder input as a result of issues and concerns raised in the last several months.

The Board is issuing the enclosed notice, to be published in the New Jersey Register, with regard to the Board's further review of <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 14:5-9.1 <u>et seq.</u> and setting forth certain interim requirements for Vegetation Management during the review of <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 14:5-9.1 <u>et seq.</u> Please take notice that these interim requirements may necessitate modifications to your vegetation management practices.

The Board would like to thank the EDCs for their cooperation as we work toward finalizing the Vegetation Management regulations, N.J.A.C. 14:5-9.1 et seq. without comprising electric service reliability. Should you have any questions on this matter, please contact Executive Director Victor Fortkiewicz at (973) 648-4852.

Sincerely

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Secretary of the Board

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