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VIA E-FILING

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 2nd Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Just Energy Pennsylvania Corp Request for Renewal of a Reduction in Level of Security; Docket No. A-2009-2097544
Utility Code: 1110954

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed is the Compliance Filing of Just Energy Pennsylvania Corp (“JEPC”), a licensed energy generation supplier (“EGS”), to obtain renewal of its reduced 5% security requirement. This is a renewal of JEPC’s previously granted security reduction; therefore no filing fee is enclosed.

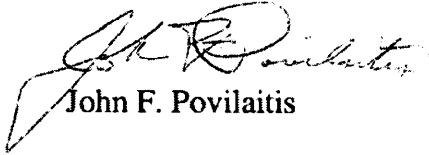
The Compliance Filing includes commercially valuable and sensitive information for which JEPC requests confidential treatment. Accordingly, enclosed is a version of the Compliance Filing marked “Public Version” for inclusion in the public record, and a version of the Compliance Filing marked “Confidential Version”. **JEPC respectfully requests that the Confidential Version of its Compliance Filing be maintained by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission under seal.**

Copies of the Public Version of JEPC’s Compliance Filing have been served on each of the statutory parties, the Commission’s Bureau of Technical Utility Services, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Department of Revenue, the Office of Attorney General’s Bureau of Consumer Protection and all affected Pennsylvania electric distribution companies, as indicated in the attached Certificate of Service.

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Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions regarding this filing. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



John F. Povilaitis

JFP/tlg
Enclosures
cc: Certificate of Service

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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For Renewal of a Reduction in Level : Utility Code: 1110954
of Security :

JUST ENERGY PENNSYLVANIA CORP COMPLIANCE FILING

I. Introduction

1. Just Energy Pennsylvania Corp (“JEPC” or “Company”) is an electric generation supplier (“EGS”) authorized by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“PaPUC” or “Commission”) to provide electric generation supplier services to residential, small commercial, large commercial, industrial and governmental customers in the electric distribution company service territories within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. JEPC received its initial license to operate as an EGS in the service territory of Duquesne Light Company by Order of December 23, 2009 at Docket No. A-2009-2097544. By Order of June 21, 2012, JEPC obtained authority to operate as an EGC in all electric distribution company service territories in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Docket No. A-2009-2097544. As a licensed EGS, JEPC is subject to the Commission’s authority to require it to furnish a bond or other security in order to operate in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, pursuant to Section 2809(c) of the Public Utility Code (“Code”) and Section 54.40 of the Commission’s regulations. 66 Pa.C. S. §2809(c); 52 Pa.Code §54.40.

2. Section 54.40(d) of the Commission’s regulations requires EGSs to provide a security level of 10% of the licensee’s reported gross receipts. However, a licensee may seek approval from the Commission of an alternative level of bonding, commensurate with the nature and scope of its operations. 52 Pa.Code §54.40(d). According to the Commission’s regulations, the purpose of the bond is to ensure payment of the Pennsylvania Gross Receipts Tax (“GRT”)

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and to ensure the supply of electricity at the retail level in accordance with contracts, agreements or arrangements. 52 Pa.Code §54.40(f)(2). On July 24, 2014, after consideration of formal comments submitted to a December 5, 2013 Tentative Order, the Commission found that requiring an EGS to post a bond or security in the amount of 10% of gross receipts after the first year of operation “may be excessive in relation to the risk intended to be secured, unnecessarily burdening EGSs, and presenting a potential barrier to entry into Pennsylvania’s retail electric market.”¹ Therefore the Commission announced in the July 24, 2014 Order that it was adopting the policy of accepting applications by EGSs to reduce their level of bonding/security after the first year of operation to 5% of the EGS’s most recent 12 months of gross revenue or \$250,000, whichever is higher. In addition, the July 24, 2014 Order delegated authority to review uncontested requests for a reduction in the level of bonding to the Bureau of Technical Utility Services.² In an Order entered September 20, 2018, the Commission streamlined the process for EGSs to obtain reductions in their annual security obligations and permitted, *inter alia*, the filing of a Compliance Filing for renewal of security rather than a formal Petition.³

3. Based on the July 24, 2014 Order, the September 20, 2018 Order, the Code, the Commission’s regulation at Section 54.40(d) and the following supporting material, JEPC respectfully requests that the Commission accept a reduced security requirement of 5% of its most recent 12 months of gross revenue.

4. By Secretarial Letter Dated October 12, 2017 at Docket No. A-2010-2192137, Utility Code: 1112538, the Commission approved JEPC’s September 6, 2017 Petition for a

¹ *Public Utility Commission Bonding/Security Requirements for Electric Generation Suppliers; Acceptable Security Instruments*, Docket No. M-2013-2393141 (July 24, 2014) (“July 24, 2014 Order”) at 10.

² July 24, 2014 Order at 12-13.

³ *Petition of the Retail Energy Supply Association to Simplify the Financial Security 5% Renewal Process*, Docket No. P-2017-2608078 (Order Entered September 20, 2018) at 17-20.

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security reduction, effective to December 9, 2018. This approval synchronized the Company's twelve (2) month security reduction period with its annual security renewal period. JEPC respectfully requests that the Commission set its new bond reduction renewal date as December 9, 2021 for it and its two other affiliates - Hudson Energy Services, LLC. ("Hudson"), Docket No. A-2010-2192137, and Just Energy Solutions Inc. ("JES"), Docket No. A-110117. Security reduction renewal requests are being separately filed for Hudson and JES requesting the same security reduction periods and annual security renewal dates in order to streamline the entire process for the Commission and the companies.

II. Information Provided in Support of Security Compliance Filing

5. This Compliance Filing includes Confidential Attachments 1 through 4. Confidential Attachment 1 provides JEPC's gross revenues for the sale of electricity to retail customers in Pennsylvania for the most recent nine (9) months. JEPC will supplement this information with the most recent quarter of gross revenues (July-September) that will be available in October, 2020. It is important that JEPC include this most recent quarter in its Compliance Filing to reflect the downward trend in the Company's gross revenues, precipitated by the downturn in United States economic activity due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

6. Confidential Attachment 2 is a Tax Status Letter of Good Standing obtained by JEPC from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.

7. Confidential Attachment 3 documents JEPC's full compliance with the requirements of the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards ("AEPS") Act.

8. Confidential Attachment 4 is a Department of Revenue RCT-SPEC Specialty Tax Payment Form for JPEC.

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9. Confidential Attachment 5 is proof that JEPC is current in its assessment obligation to the PaPUC for regulatory costs.

10. Based on the foregoing information, JEPC requests that its bonding requirement be maintained at 5% of its most recent twelve (12) months of gross revenue. This amount is reasonable and satisfies the requirements of Section 2809(c) of the Public Utility Code (“Code”) and Section 54.40 of the Commission’s regulations. 66 Pa.C. S. §2809(c); 52 Pa. Code §54.40. An original security document will be submitted to the Commission when the final quarter of gross revenues is available.

III. Relief Requested and Conclusion

11. Based on its standing as an EGS licensed to do business in Pennsylvania, the Commission’s regulations the July 24, 2014 Order and the September 18, 2020 Order, JEPC respectfully requests that it be authorized to renew its security on file with the Commission to 5% of its most recent twelve (12) months of revenue, effective for the twelve (12) month period to December 9, 2021. Upon submission of the most recent quarter of gross revenues to the Commission, JEPC will also submit a new bond in this amount that also complies with the Commission’s bond requirements for EGSs listed in Section 55.40(f) of the Commission’s regulations. 52 Pa.Code §54.40(f).

Respectfully submitted,



Dated: September 10, 2020

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Confidential Attachment 1

Gross revenues for the sale of electricity to retail customers in Pennsylvania for the most recent nine (9) months

(REDACTED)

Confidential Attachment 2

Letter of Good Standing

(REDACTED)

Confidential Attachment 3

AEPS Compliance

Requested – waiting on receipt

Confidential Attachment 4
RCT-SPEC Specialty Tax Payment Form

(REDACTED)

Confidential Attachment 5

Requested – waiting on receipt

VERIFICATION

I, Inger Goodman, hereby verify that the facts set forth in the foregoing document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and expect to be able to prove the same at any hearing that may be held in this matter. I understand that false statements made therein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904, relating to unsworn falsifications to authorities.



Inger Goodman
Manager, Regulatory Affairs
Just Energy

DATED: September 10, 2020

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the **public version** of the foregoing document upon the parties, listed below, in accordance with the requirements of § 1.54 (relating to service by a party).

Via First Class Mail

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Department of Revenue
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Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Bureau of Investigation & Enforcement
PO Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

Citizens' Electric Company
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Lewisburg, PA 17837

Office of Attorney General
Bureau of Consumer Protection
15th Floor, Strawberry Square
Harrisburg, PA 17120

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Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
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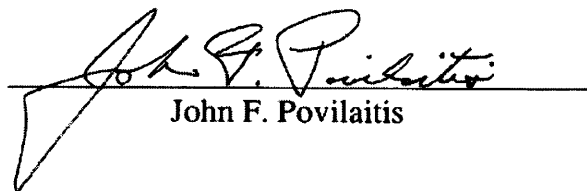
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Dated this 10th day of September, 2020.


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