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September 2016

Borough of Glen Ridge
825 Bloomfield Ave
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Dear Mayor and Council Members:

I'm pleased to tell you that Deborah Collins, Director of Small Business Development and Affirmative Action, will be your new Glen Ridge Municipal Liaison, replacing Jackie Yustein.

Deborah will now attend the public meetings of your legislative body, listen to residents and municipal officials, and bring your concerns back to Essex County. Our goal is to enhance the town/county relationship, and expedite projects important to your municipality. She can be reached at (862) 754-1773 or via email at dcollins@admin.essexcountynj.org.

Thank you for welcoming Essex County into your hometown and for working with us to *Put Essex County First!*

Sincerely,

Philip B. Alagia, Chief of Staff
County of Essex

Putting Essex County First

ESSEX COUNTY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER



September 2, 2016

Hon. Stuart K. Patrick
And Members of the Governing Body
Borough of Glen Ridge
825 Bloomfield Avenue
P.O. Box 66
Glen Ridge, NJ 07028

Dear Mayor Patrick and Members of the Governing Body:

We at Comcast appreciate the opportunity to serve the citizens of Glen Ridge. It is our credo that *"Comcast will deliver a superior experience to our customers every day. Our products will be the best and we will offer the most customer-friendly and reliable service in the market."* In living our credo, we look forward to providing broadband services to our customers in Glen Ridge for many years to come. Therefore, we are taking this step to ensure the renewal of our franchise with you.

The Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 ("Cable Act") encourages franchising authorities and cable companies to reach agreement on a renewal Agreement at any time through an informal process of discussion. However, Section 626 of the Cable Act also provides for a contemporaneous alternative formal renewal procedure with specific substantive and procedural requirements. If either the franchising authority or the cable company does not initiate the formal process within a certain time frame, the protections of that process may be lost.

To that end, Comcast hereby notifies the township that the renewal period for our franchise agreement under Section 626 is now open, and we request the start of renewal proceedings pursuant to the Section 626(a)(1). To preserve our statutory rights under this formal procedure, this letter is our official notice to you invoking that provision, and further notice that Comcast fully reserves its renewal and any extension rights under the Franchise, including auto-renewal rights.

This letter is not intended to preclude informal negotiations, but instead is intended only to preserve the rights of Comcast under the formal renewal process. Comcast has every reason to believe that the township and Comcast will reach a mutually agreeable renewal of the cable service



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agreement through good-faith negotiations, thus making many of the Cable Act's formal procedures unnecessary. The relevant provision of Section 626 on the informal process is brief and reads as follows:

“(h) . . . [A] cable operator may submit a proposal for the renewal of a franchise pursuant to this subsection at any time, and a franchising authority may, after affording the public adequate notice and opportunity for comment, grant or deny such proposal at any time (including after formal proceedings pursuant to this section have commenced) . . .”

I will be happy to discuss this matter with you, or provide any additional information that you may require. I look forward to meeting with you in the near future and to continuing the relationship that we believe has benefited the community and residents of Glen Ridge.

Should you have any questions about this or any other Comcast cable service matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 908 258-8143.

Yours truly,

Charles L. Smith III
Senior Director Government and Regulatory Affairs

cc: Ralph McClellan, Senior Director Government Affairs, Freedom Region
Dennis C. Linken, Esq., Scarinci Hollenbeck
Borough Attorney, John N. Malyska
Karen Marlowe, Administrative Analyst, NJBPU Office of Cable TV

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September 15, 2016

Mr. Michael Rohal
Borough Clerk
Borough of Glen Ridge
PO Box 66
Glen Ridge, NJ 07028-0066

Re: Comcast of New Jersey II, LLC
Cable Television Franchise Renewal
For the Borough of Glen Ridge
Expiration Date: 8/2/2019
Municipal Report Due: 8/2/2018

Dear Mr. Rohal:

Enclosed is a copy of the Office of Cable Television & Telecommunications' "Guide to Franchise Renewal" which outlines the cable television franchise renewal process.

The renewal process affords the municipality an opportunity to improve upon the existing cable television system.¹ The Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 (47 U.S.C. § 521 *et seq.*) indicates that the municipality, in its review of the cable operator's proposal, may, in addition to other issues, consider whether the proposal "is reasonable to meet the future cable-related community needs and interests..." 47 U.S.C. § 546(c)(1)(D). Therefore, the Office of Cable Television & Telecommunications suggests that your municipality take this opportunity to determine if and how the present and future cable-related community needs and interests are being met and could be met in the future. In addition, if your municipality deems it appropriate, a review of future commitments to provide services related to public, educational and governmental access under 47 U.S.C. § 531(b) can be included in the renewal process. The Office of Cable Television & Telecommunications urges you to use this opportunity to its fullest extent, as issues raised outside of this process can be very difficult to address or implement.

¹ If your existing municipal consent ordinance contains provision for an automatic renewal, it is recommended that you please contact the Office of Cable Television for additional information about the process.

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In August of 2006, legislation was enacted, P.L. 2006, c.83, which allows a cable television company to convert its franchise or franchises to a system-wide cable television franchise without municipal approval. However, your cable television company has not indicated its intentions under this legislation. If you wish to discuss what this legislation means to your municipality, please contact me.

If you or representatives of your community would like to schedule a franchise renewal workshop at the Office of Cable Television & Telecommunications, please contact me at (609) 341-9429 or at karen.marlowe@bpu.state.nj.us.

Sincerely,



Karen A. Marlowe
Administrative Analyst 4

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Enclosures

c: John N. Malyska, Esq., Borough Attorney (w/o encl.)
Charles L. Smith, III, Senior Director, Government and Regulatory Affairs, Comcast
(w/o encl.)

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Township Council
1 Municipal Plaza
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Louise M. Palagano
Municipal Clerk

<http://www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com>

Meeting: 08/15/16 07:30 PM

2016 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZATIONS

2016 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A DETOUR FOR MONTGOMERY STREET OVER THE GARDEN STATE PARKWAY (GSP) IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BRIDGE DECK AND PARAPET RECONSTRUCTION OF THE MONTGOMERY STREET BRIDGE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (NJTA) has determined, in the interest of public safety, a need for the bridge deck and parapet reconstruction on the Montgomery Street Bridge over Garden State Parkway (GSP) located in the Township of Bloomfield and

WHEREAS, Garden State Parkway is a north-south transportation corridor traveling through the Township of Bloomfield, Essex County; and

WHEREAS, the bridge carrying Montgomery Street over GSP is located in the Township of Bloomfield and is under the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (NJTA); and

WHEREAS, the reconstruction of the bridge deck and parapet requires a detour of Montgomery westbound vehicular traffic on JFK Drive North, Liberty Street and JFK Drive South, and Spruce Street for a duration of approximately twelve (12) months; and

WHEREAS, the reconstruction of the bridge deck and parapet requires a detour of the left turn movement of Spruce Street at Montgomery Street onto JFK Drive South, Burroughs Place, Bloomfield Ave, to Municipal Plaza Eastbound for a duration of approximately twelve (12) months; and

WHEREAS, the proposed detour will not conflict with any other anticipated detours

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND PROCEDURE
ON BASIS OF FACTS SET FORTH

DIRECTOR OF LAW-TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

in the area, and the one of the existing sidewalks accommodating pedestrians along Montgomery Street will remain open throughout construction; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-8c(6) and N.J.A.C. 16:27-4.2(f), approval by the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is required for any closure on a non-State highway for a duration greater than 48 hours; and

WHEREAS, the request for the NJDOT Commissioner's approval includes submission of a Certification Report along with the proposed detour and the Resolutions of Support for the roadway closure and the associated detour from the respective jurisdictions of the closed roadway and roadways utilized for the detour; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineering Department and Traffic Division have reviewed the detour plan, and recommends the Mayor and Council approve the detour of Montgomery Street for the purpose of said bridge deck and parapet reconstruction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Council of the Township of Bloomfield does hereby support the detour of Montgomery Street for the purpose of bridge deck and parapet reconstruction in the interest of public safety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Township forwards a certified true copy of this Resolution to the Township Engineer, the Clerks of all Essex County Municipalities, and to:

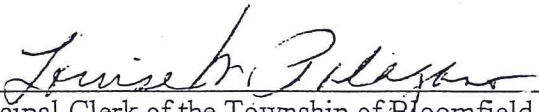
Suresh Shah, PE
Engineering Department
Structures Design Division
New Jersey Turnpike Authority
P.O. Box 5042
Woodbridge, NJ 07095-5042

Chris Barretts, Manager, Traffic Engineering
Attn: Jim Mentzer, Traffic Investigator
Bureau of Traffic Engineering
Division of Highway and Traffic
Design

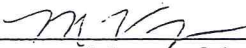
NJ Department of Transportation
 1036 Parkway Avenue, PO Box 600
 Trenton, NJ 08625

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I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on August 15, 2016.



 Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield



 Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

| ✓ Vote Record - Resolution | | | | | | |
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| | | Yes/Aye | No/Nay | Abstain | Absent | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt | Elias N. Chalet | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deny | Nicholas Joanow | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn | Carlos Bernard | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Table | Wartyna Davis | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not Discussed | Joseph Lopez | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Reading | Carlos Pomares | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Table with no Vote | Michael J. Venezia | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Approve | | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veto by Mayor | | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion | | | | | | |
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**NOTICE TO PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY GAS CUSTOMERS
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF GAS BASE
RATE ADJUSTMENTS PURSUANT TO ITS GAS SYSTEM MODERNIZATION PROGRAM**

Notice of a Filing and Notice of Public Hearings | Docket No. GO16070711

TAKE NOTICE that on July 29, 2016, Public Service Electric and Gas Company (Public Service, PSE&G, the Company) filed a Petition and supporting documentation with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (Board, BPU) seeking Board approval for gas base rate changes to provide for cost recovery associated with the Company's Gas System Modernization Program (GSMP or the Program).

On November 16, 2015, the Board issued an Order approving the Program in Docket No. GR15030272. The Order provided approval to invest up to \$650 million to be recovered through base rate adjustments in order to replace PSE&G's Utilization Pressure Cast Iron (UPCI) mains, unprotected steel mains and associated services. The Program will also include costs related to the uprating of the UPCI segments to higher pressure including the installation of excess flow valves and the elimination of district regulators. These infrastructure investment will address high risk areas and accelerate repairs and replacement efforts.

These investments are anticipated to be made over a three-year period beginning on January 1, 2016 with investments beyond those approved to be recovered through a future base rate case.

Under the Company's proposal, PSE&G seeks Board approval to recover in base rates an estimated annual revenue increase associated with the capitalized investment costs of GSMP of approximately \$13.4 million from the Company's gas customers.

For illustrative purposes the estimated Base Rates effective January 1, 2017 including New Jersey Sales and Use Tax (SUT) for Residential Rate Schedules RSG is shown in Table #1.

Table #2 provides customers with the approximate impact of the proposed increase in rates relating to the Program, if approved by the Board. The annual percentage increase applicable to specific customers will vary according to the applicable rate schedule and the level of the customer's usage.

Under the Company's proposal, a residential gas heating customer using 100 therms per month during the winter months and 610 therms on an annual basis would see an initial increase in the annual bill from \$553.39 to \$557.95, or \$4.56 or approximately 0.82%. Also, a typical residential gas heating customer using 165 therms per month during the winter months and 1,010 therms on an annual basis would see an initial increase in the annual bill from \$870.33 to \$877.83, or \$7.50 or approximately 0.86%. The approximate effect of the proposed gas base rate change on typical gas residential monthly bills, if approved by the Board, is illustrated in Table #3.

Any rate adjustments with resulting changes in bill impacts found by the Board to be just and reasonable as the result of the Company's filing may be modified and/or allocated by the Board in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and for other good and legally sufficient reasons to any class or classes of customers of the Company. Therefore, the described charges may increase or decrease based upon the Board's decision.

Copies of the Company's filing are available for review at the Company's Customer Service Centers, online at the PSEG website at <http://www.pseg.com/pseandgfilings> and at the Board of Public Utilities at 44 South Clinton Avenue, Seventh Floor, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350.

The following dates, times and locations for public hearings have been scheduled on the Company's filing so that members of the public may present their views. Information provided at the public hearings will become part of the record of this case and will be considered by the Board in making its decision.

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| October 18, 2016 4:30 and 6:00 PM Bergen County Administration Building Freeholders Public Meeting Room 5 th Floor Room 101 1 Bergen County Plaza Hackensack, NJ 07601 | October 19, 2016 4:30 and 6:00 PM Middlesex County Administration Building Freeholders Meeting Room 1 st Floor Meeting Room 75 Bayard Street New Brunswick, NJ 08901 | October 20, 2016 4:30 and 6:00 PM Burlington County Administration Building Board of Chosen Freeholders Board Room 1 st Floor 49 Rancocas Road Mt. Holly, NJ 08060 |
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In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, such as interpreters, listening devices or mobility assistance, 48 hours prior to the above hearings to the Board's Secretary at the following address.

Customers may also file written comments with the Secretary of the Board of Public Utilities at 44 South Clinton Avenue, Third Floor, Suite 314, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625-0350 ATTN: Secretary Irene Kim Asbury whether or not they attend the public hearings. To review PSE&G's rate filing, visit <http://www.pseg.com/pseandgfilings>.

Table #1 – BASE RATES For Residential RSG Customers Rates if Effective January 1, 2017

| Rate Schedule | | | Base Rates | |
|---------------|---|-----------|---|---------------------------------|
| | | | Charges in Effect July 31, 2017 Including SUT | Estimated Charges Including SUT |
| RSG | Service Charge | per month | \$5.84 | \$5.84 |
| | Distribution Charge | \$/Therm | 0.311309 | 0.318771 |
| | Off-Peak Use | \$/Therm | 0.155655 | 0.159386 |
| | Basic Gas Supply Service-RSG (BGSS-RSG) | \$/Therm | 0.401235 | 0.401161 |

Table #2 – Proposed Percentage Change in Revenue by Customer Class For Gas Service For Rates if Effective January 1, 2017

| | Rate Class | Percent Change |
|-------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| Residential Service | RSG | 0.84 |
| General Service | GSG | 0.73 |
| Large Volume Service | LVG | 0.53 |
| Street Lighting Service | SLG | 1.14 |
| Firm Transportation Gas Service | TSG-F | 0.45 |
| Non-Firm Transportation Gas Service | TSG-NF | 0.24 |
| Cogeneration Interruptible Service | CIG | 0.31 |
| | Overall | 0.71 |

The percent increases noted above are based upon July 1, 2016 Delivery Rates, the applicable Basic Gas Supply Service (BGSS) charges, and assumes that customers receive commodity service from Public Service Electric and Gas Company.

Table #3 – Residential Gas Service For Rates if Effective January 1, 2017

| If Your Annual Therm Use Is: | And Your Monthly Winter Therm Use Is: | Then Your Present Monthly Winter Bill (1) Would Be: | And Your Proposed Monthly Winter Bill (2) Would Be: | Your Monthly Winter Bill Increase Would Be: | And Your Monthly Percent Increase Would Be: |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 180 | 25 | \$25.77 | \$25.96 | \$0.19 | 0.74% |
| 360 | 50 | 45.71 | 46.08 | 0.37 | 0.81 |
| 610 | 100 | 86.51 | 87.26 | 0.75 | 0.87 |
| 1,010 | 165 | 138.95 | 140.17 | 1.22 | 0.88 |
| 1,224 | 200 | 167.20 | 168.67 | 1.47 | 0.88 |
| 1,836 | 300 | 247.85 | 250.07 | 2.22 | 0.90 |

- (1) Based upon Delivery Rates and Basic Gas Supply Service (BGSS-RSG) charges in effect July 1, 2016, and assumes that the customer receives commodity service from Public Service.
- (2) Same as (1) except includes change for GSMP Base Rate Adjustments.



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