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<u>VIA E-FILING (PUBLIC VERSION) AND</u> SECRETARY'S SHAREPOINT SITE (CONFIDENTIAL VERSION)

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

> Re: Just Energy Solutions Inc., d/b/a Just Energy, Security Compliance Filing Docket No. A-110117 Utility Code: 110117

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed is the Compliance Filing of Just Energy Solutions Inc. ("JES"), a licensed energy generation supplier ("EGS").

The Compliance Filing includes commercially valuable and sensitive information for which JES 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". JES respectfully requests that the Confidential Version of its Compliance Filing be maintained by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission under seal.

Please note that we are filing the public version electronically on the Commission's website and the confidential version is being uploaded to the Secretary's SharePoint site.

Copies of the Public Version of JES'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,

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JFP/kas Enclosures cc: Certificate of Service

BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Just Energy Solutions, Inc. d/b/a : Just Energy Security Compliance Filing : Docket No. A-110117 Utility Code: 110117

JUST ENERGY SOLUTIONS INC. REQUEST FOR BOND REDUCTION

I. Introduction

1. Just Energy Solutions, Inc. ("JES" 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. JES received its license to operate as an EGS by Order of February 11, 2011, at Docket No. A-2010-2192137. As a licensed EGS, JES 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") 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, JES respectfully requests that the Commission accept and approve its request for a reduction of bond requirements to 5% of its most recent 12 months of gross revenues.

4. By Secretarial Letter Dated October 12, 2017 at Docket No. A-2010-2192137, Utility Code: 1112538, the Commission approved JES's September 6, 2017 Petition for a security reduction, effective to December 9, 2018. Subsequently, the Commission restored JES's required security to 10% due to a pending insolvency proceeding. JES currently maintains a 10% security

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 (Oder Entered September 20, 2018) at 17-20.

level with the Commission and the expiration date for its current security is November 30, 2023. Pursuant to authorizations issued by both U.S. and Canadian insolvency authorities, JES has emerged from insolvency status and therefore requests re-establishment of its 5% required security level with an expiration date on or before March 25, 2024. Similar Bond Reduction filings are being made for JES's two other affiliates Hudson Energy Services, LLC ("Hudson"); Docket No. A-2012-2192137, and Just Energy Pennsylvania Corp. ("JEPC"), Docket No. A-2009-2097544 (collectively, the "Companies"

II. Confidential Information Provided in Support of Security Bond Reduction Filing

5. This Bond Reduction Filing includes Confidential Attachments 1 through 6. Confidential Attachment 1 provides JES's gross revenues for the sale of electricity to retail customers in Pennsylvania for the most recent twelve (12) months. Confidential Attachment 2 is a Tax Status Letter of Good Standing obtained by JES from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue ("DOR").

6. Confidential Attachment 2 is a Statement of Account showing tax payments obtained by JES from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue ("DOR").

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

8. Confidential Attachment 4 is a current Department of Revenue RCT-SPEC Specialty Tax Payment Form for JES. Upon request and availability, JES will supply the Specialty Tax Payment Form for the 2023 tax year.

9. Confidential Attachment 5 is proof that JES has paid its standard Annual Assessment fee to the PaPUC for regulatory costs.

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10. Confidential Attachment 6 is an Affidavit and supporting materials providing proof of JES's successful emergence from insolvency status.

11. Based on the foregoing information, JES proposes to meet its current security requirement with security reflecting 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 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 correct amount of annual security, based on the most recent twelve (12) months of gross revenues, is confirmed by Commission Staff.

III. Relief Requested and Conclusion

12. JES respectfully requests that its request for reduction of required security to 5% be accepted and approved and that the Commission Staff confirm the correct amount of annual security the Company shall submit. JES also requests that its new expiration date for reduced required security be set as on or before March 25, 2024. Thereupon JES shall promptly provide the Commission with an original security document that 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,

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Counsel for Just Energy Solutions Inc.

Dated: February 24, 2023

Confidential Attachment 1

Gross revenues for the sale of electricity to retail customers in Pennsylvania for the most recent twelve (12) months (January 2022 to December 2022)

Confidential Attachment 2 PA DOR Statement of Account

Confidential Attachment 3 AEPS Compliance

Confidential Attachment 4 RCT-SPEC Specialty Tax Payment Form

Confidential Attachment 5 Proof of PaPUC Assessments Payment

Confidential Attachment 6

Affidavit of Jonah T. Davids

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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).

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Dated this 24th day of February 2023.

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