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

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 Bond Reduction in Security Filing

Docket No. A-2009-2097544

Utility Code: 1110954

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed is the Request for Bond Reduction in Security of Just Energy Pennsylvania Corp ("JEPC"), a licensed energy generation supplier ("EGS").

The Security Bond Filing includes commercially valuable and sensitive information for which JEPC requests confidential treatment. Accordingly, enclosed is a version of the Security Bond Filing marked "Public Version" for inclusion in the public record, and a version of the Security Bond Filing marked "Confidential Version". JEPC respectfully requests that the Confidential Version of its Security Bond 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 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/kas Enclosures

cc: Certificate of Service

BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Just Energy Pennsylvania Corp : Docket No. A-2009-2097544

Security Compliance Filing : Utility Code:

JUST ENERGY PENNSYLVANIA CORP REQUEST FOR BOND REDUCTION

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 license to operate as an EGS by Order of February 11, 2011, at Docket No. A-2010-2192137. 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") 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." 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 and approve its request for a reduction of bond requirements to 5% of its most recent 12 months of gross revenues.
- By Secretarial Letter Dated October 12, 2017 at Docket No. A-2010-2192137, 4. Utility Code: 1112538, the Commission approved JEPC's September 6, 2017 Petition for a security reduction, effective to December 9, 2018. Subsequently, the Commission restored JEPC's

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.

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.

required security to 10% due to a pending insolvency proceeding. JEPC currently maintains a 10% security 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, JEPC 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 JEPC's two other affiliates - Just Energy Solutions Inc. ("JES"), Docket No. A-110117, and Hudson Energy Services, LLC ("Hudson"), Docket No. A-2010-2192137 (collectively, the "Companies").

II. <u>Confidential Information Provided in Support of Security Bond</u> <u>Reduction Filing</u>

- 5. This Bond Reduction Filing includes Confidential Attachments 1 through 6. Confidential Attachment 1 provides JEPC'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 JEPC from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue ("DOR").
- 6. Confidential Attachment 2 is a Statement of Account showing tax payments obtained by JEPC from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue ("DOR").
- 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 current Department of Revenue RCT-SPEC Specialty Tax Payment Form for JEPC. Upon request and availability, JEPC will supply the Specialty Tax Payment Form for the 2023 tax year.
- 9. Confidential Attachment 5 is proof that JEPC 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 JEPC's successful emergence from insolvency status.

11. Based on the foregoing information, JEPC 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. JEPC respectfully requests 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. JEPC also requests that its new expiration date for reduced required

security be set as on or before March 25, 2024. Thereupon JEPC 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,

Dated: February 24, 2023

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

(January 2022 to December 2022)

PA DOR Statement of Account

Confidential Attachment 3 AEPS Compliance

Confidential Attachment 4 RCT-SPEC Specialty Tax Payment Form

Proof of PaPUC Assessments Payment

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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