

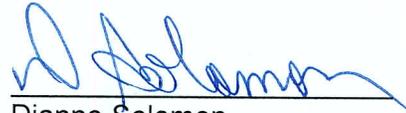
must be filed with the Board, with hard copies to each party upon request.

I **HEREBY DIRECT** that this Order be posted on the Board's website.

This provisional ruling is subject to ratification or other alteration by the Board as it deems appropriate during the proceedings in this matter.

DATED: January 2, 2014

BY:



Dianne Solomon
COMMISSIONER

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APPROVAL OF THE NJ RISE PROGRAM AND ASSOCIATED RATE RECOVERY
MECHANISM
DOCKET NOs. AX13030197 & GR13090828

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PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

January 16, 2014: Deadline for filing requests for intervention or participation

January 21, 2014: Deadline for first round of discovery

February 4, 2014: Deadline for responses to first round of discovery

Mid-February 2014: Public hearings

February 13, 2014: Deadline for second round of discovery

February 27, 2014: Deadline for responses to second round of discovery

Date to be determined: Settlement discussions/discovery conference

March 10, 2014: Deadline for Rate Counsel and Interveners to file direct testimony

March 24, 2014: Deadline for discovery on Rate Counsel and Intervener testimony

April 3, 2014: Deadline for rebuttal testimony by Company and Interveners

April 17, 2014: Deadline for responses to discovery on rebuttal testimony

May 1, 2014: Discovery on rebuttal testimony – all parties

Evidentiary hearings with live sur-rebuttal (subject to Commissioner's availability during May 2014)

Dates to be determined: Deadlines for filing initial and reply briefs

July 2014: Anticipated Board action