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<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF</b>	:	
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<b>COMPANY FOR A DETERMINATION</b>	:	
<b>PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF</b>	:	
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**TO THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:**

**SUMMARY OF  
PRE-FILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF JOHN P. RIBARDO  
ON BEHALF OF PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY**

John P. Ribardo, Manager – Transmission Projects - Delivery Projects & Construction and Project Manager for the proposed Susquehanna-Roseland Transmission Line Project (the “Project”) testifies on behalf of Public Service Electric and Gas Company in this proceeding.

Mr. Ribardo has responsibility for the overall management of this Project. Specifically, Mr. Ribardo has the responsibility of obtaining all necessary permits, and coordinating construction and public outreach so that the facilities can be constructed within the necessary timeframe.

In his testimony, Mr. Ribardo explains the level of public outreach that PSE&G has completed prior to submission of this Petition. During the routing analysis, PSE&G

held three public workshops and several municipal meetings in order for the public to understand the possible routes being considered.

Once the route was selected, PSE&G met with many municipal officials in both public and private sessions in order to explain the Project and obtain input into the initial design of the facilities. Furthermore, Mr. Ribardo explains that PSE&G has met with interested parties or organizations in order to obtain their input into the Project.

Finally, once initial design was completed, PSE&G held four (4) additional public information sessions, two located in Morris County and two located in Sussex County, in order to present additional information to the public. During these meetings, attendees were encouraged to submit written comments and feedback to PSE&G either in writing or via PSE&G's website, [reliabilityproject.pseg.com](http://reliabilityproject.pseg.com).

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**PRE-FILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF JOHN P. RIBARDO ON BEHALF OF  
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY IN SUPPORT OF  
SUSQUEHANNA-ROSELAND TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT**

**1 I. BACKGROUND**

**2 Q. What is your full name and business address?**

**3 A.** John P. Ribardo  
**4** 80 Park Plaza, T12, Newark, NJ 07101.

**5 Q. By whom are you employed and for how long have you been employed?**

**6 A.** I have been employed by Public Service Electric and Gas Company and/or its  
**7** affiliates for the past 30 years.

**8 Q. Please briefly describe your educational and professional background.**

**9 A.** I have Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Civil Engineering from New Jersey  
**10** Institute of Technology and an MBA from Seton Hall University. I am a licensed  
**11** Professional Engineer in the State of New Jersey.

1 **Q. What is your current title and nature of your present employment?**

2 **A.** Manager – Transmission Projects in the Delivery Projects & Construction  
3 organization for PSE&G. My responsibilities include: developing scopes of  
4 work, schedules and estimates for high voltage transmission projects and  
5 assembling and directing project teams toward completion of these projects.

6 **Q. What has your role been with respect to the Project?**

7 **A.** I am Project Manager for the Project and am responsible for obtaining permits,  
8 providing resources and commencing construction of the Project in the timeframe  
9 established by PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (“PJM”). I am also responsible for  
10 the general project management oversight of all consultants and internal resources  
11 necessary for completion of the Project.

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14 **II. PROJECT OVERVIEW**

15 **Q. Please describe the purpose of your testimony.**

16 **A.** My testimony is to describe PSE&G’s public outreach on the Project.

17 **Q. Please briefly describe the Project.**

18 **A.** This Project is a system upgrade consisting of a new 500kV circuit from the  
19 Susquehanna Switching Station in Berwick, PA to the Roseland Switching Station  
20 in switching Roseland, New Jersey (the “Project”). PSE&G is responsible for  
21 building the New Jersey portion of the Project from East Hanover/Roseland, New  
22 Jersey to the Delaware River. Two switching stations will be built in New Jersey,  
23 one in East Hanover adjacent to PSE&G’s existing Roseland Switching Station

1 and one in Jefferson, New Jersey in order to connect to an existing 500kV circuit  
2 which runs from Branchburg, New Jersey to Ramapo, New York.

3 **Q. Are you sponsoring any exhibits to your testimony?**

4 **A.** No.

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7 **III. PUBLIC OUTREACH**

8 **Q. Please describe PSE&G's public outreach for the Project prior to route**  
9 **selection.**

10 **A.** In early 2008, PSE&G and PPL Electric Utilities ("PPL Electric") contracted with  
11 The Louis Berger Group ("Berger") to perform a routing and siting analysis to  
12 determine potential routes to get from Susquehanna to Roseland. Thereafter,  
13 PSE&G's outreach began with construction of a web site on the PSEG home page  
14 that described the Project and answered Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs")  
15 about the Project. This website went live on June 5, 2008, the same day PSE&G  
16 identified alternative three routes that were announced publicly through a joint  
17 press release. Subsequently, PSE&G set up public workshops that were  
18 announced through the media:

19 Sussex County June 23, 2008 at Sussex County College

20 Morris County June 24, 2008 at Morris County Arboretum

21 Warren County June 25, 2008 at Warren County College

22 At these workshops, PSE&G presented the public with drawings and aerial photos  
23 of the three routes along with project need descriptions and potential transmission

1 structure types. At these public workshops, the public was able to obtain  
2 information that Berger used in developing the route analysis.

3 Furthermore, PSE&G met with the following municipalities who requested  
4 meetings to discuss the routing process in more detail:

5 Montville Township July 15, 2008

6 Wantage Township July 24, 2008

7 Sparta, Andover and Byram Townships July 28, 2008

8 **Q. When was the route selected and when did PSE&G announce the route  
9 selection?**

10 **A.** The route selection was made on July 31<sup>st</sup> and announced publicly through a press  
11 release on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

12 **Q. Please describe PSE&G's public outreach after route selection.**

13 **A.** Since route selection, PSE&G has held the following meetings with local  
14 municipalities or other interested parties:

15 East Hanover Township August 6, 2008

16 Fredon Township September 17, 2008

17 Morris County Park Commission October 14, 2008

18 Hardwick Township October 22, 2008

19 Montville Chase Condos October 30, 2008

20 Fredon Board of Education November 24, 2008

21 At these meetings, PSE&G held a question and answer period where officials and  
22 residents were permitted to ask specific questions regarding the Project and how it  
23 might affect each resident individually. Residents were also permitted to review



1 **Q. Did PSE&G take any action upon receipt of these comments submitted**  
2 **during the public workshops?**

3 **A.** Yes. PSE&G has tried, where feasible, to incorporate comments received at  
4 public meetings into consideration. For instance, PSE&G has received numerous  
5 comments regarding the potential effects of electromagnetic fields (“EMF”).  
6 Although, as set forth in the testimony of PSE&G witness, William H. Bailey, it is  
7 PSE&G’s position that there are no health risks associated with EMF, PSE&G  
8 understands that this is an issue with the public. Therefore, as discussed in further  
9 detail in the testimony of PSE&G witness Richard F. Crouch, PSE&G has  
10 designed the transmission structures in a way that will reduce, to the greatest  
11 extent possible, the levels of EMF associated with the construction of this Project.

12 **Q. Please explain how, in addition to public meetings, PSE&G has disseminated**  
13 **information to the public regarding the Project.**

14 **A.** In addition to distributing information at public meetings, PSE&G has conducted  
15 numerous interviews with the news media about the Project. We have directed  
16 residents to the Project website, [reliabilityproject.pseg.com](http://reliabilityproject.pseg.com), and invited them to  
17 submit comments and questions. We also have sent letters to residents along the  
18 right of way informing them of various activities to be performed on or near their  
19 property.

20 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

21 **A.** Yes, it does.