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## **Via Electronic Submission**

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RE: Tariff Compliance Filing
I/M/O the Verified Petition of Jersey Central Power and Light
Company for approval of an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)
Program (JCP&L AMI)
Docket No. EO20080545

# Dear Secretary Diaz:

Pursuant to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board" or "BPU") Decision and Order approving Stipulation ("Order") dated February 23, 2022 in the above-referenced matter, Jersey Central Power & Light Company ("JCP&L" or "Company") herewith files the enclosed tariff sheets for AMI Opt-outs under the Company's Tariff for Service (BPU No. 13 ELECTRIC – PART II, Section 3 – Billings, Payments, Credit Deposits & Metering, 3.24 Advance Metering Opt-Out), effective with service rendered on and after January 1, 2023.

According to the Order,

The Company is **HEREBY DIRECTED** to file tariff sheets reflecting the optout fees and other opt-out provisions associated with the Program before the commencement of the Deployment Phase, which is projected to begin on January 1, 2023.

See Order at p. 16 of 52 (emphasis in the original).

The Company attached to its approved Stipulation a proposed tariff sheet for AMI Opt-outs, including fees and other opt-out provisions associated with its AMI Program. *Id.* at p. 51 of 52, Attachment C, §3.24 Advanced Metering Opt-Out. The original proposed tariff sheet states, in relevant part:

"Any Full Service Customer or Delivery Service Customer who declines to have an AMI meter installed when notified, requests the transmitter of an AMI meter be disabled or requests an AMI meter be removed for a digital non-



communicating meter, will be classified as having opted-out of AMI metering and shall be subject to the following terms:..."

"...Customers who are taking generation service under a time differentiated rate or are involved in net metered generation will not have the option to opt out of having a smart meter."

Id.

JCP&L files these tariff sheets in compliance with the Order. JCP&L further files these tariff sheets to amend the language of its original proposed tariff as follows:

"Any Full Service Customer or Delivery Service Customer who declines to have an AMI meter installed when notified, requests the transmitter of an AMI meter be disabled or requests an AMI meter be removed for a digital **non-AMI** meter, will be classified as having opted-out of AMI metering and shall be subject to the following terms:..."

"Customers who are **taking service** under a time differentiated rate, **billed** with time dependent rates or are involved in net metered generation will not have the option to opt out of having a smart meter."

See Amended Proposed AMI Opt-Out Tariff Sheet attached hereto (emphasis added).

In compliance with the Board's March 19, 2020 Order regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, hardcopies will not be sent. Please kindly confirm reception of this electronic submission.

Sincerely,

Mark Mader

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Mike Male

# IN THE MATTER OF THE VERIFIED PETITION OF JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) PROGRAM (JCP&L AMI)

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# Section 3 - Billings, Payments, Credit Deposits & Metering

## 3.23 Metering: (Continued)

If requested by the Customer, the Company may, in its sole discretion, elect to provide kilowatt-hour pulses and/or time pulses from the Company's metering equipment. All costs for providing the meter pulses shall be paid by the Customer. If a Customer's consumption of kilowatts and/or kilowatt-hours increases as a result of interruptions or deficiencies in the supply of pulses for any reason, the Company shall not be responsible or liable, for damages or otherwise, for resulting increases in the Customer's bill.

If requested by a Customer, the Company may, in its sole discretion, elect to provide metering to a service location other than what is presently installed or otherwise proposed to be installed by the Company at that location. All costs for special metering facilities provided by the Company, including, but not limited to, all material, labor, overheads and administrative and general expenses, shall be billed to and paid by the Customer.

## 3.24 Advanced Metering Opt-Out

Any Full Service Customer or Delivery Service Customer who declines to have an AMI meter installed when notified, requests the transmitter of an AMI meter be disabled or requests an AMI meter be removed for a digital non-AMI meter, will be classified as having opted-out of AMI metering and shall be subject to the following terms:

- 1.) Monthly Meter Reading A monthly fee of \$15.00 shall apply to any customer who: refuses to allow the Company to install an AMI meter; requests that the transmitter of an AMI meter be disabled; or requests that an AMI meter be removed.
- 2.) Meter Replacements Customers shall be charged a one-time fee of \$44.46 for the replacement of an AMI meter with a non-AMI meter. The replacement meter will be manually read. This fee will also apply to any customer who elects to participate in AMI metering after requesting the removal of such meter.
- 3.) Access to Premises Customers who Opt-out of AMI metering must provide reasonable access for meter reading and meter maintenance that free of safety hazard to customers, the public or the utility personnel or facilities. If the customer fails to provide access for two months in a twelve-month period, then the customer will be required to: (a) relocate their metering equipment to an external location, at the customer's expense; or (b) permit the Company to reinstall an AMI meter or enable the AMI meter transmitter feature.

Customers who are taking service under a time differentiated rate, billed with time dependent rates or are involved in net metered generation will not have the option to opt out of having a smart meter.

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