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August 31, 2015

The Hon. Richard Mroz  
President  
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities  
44 S. Clinton Avenue  
Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Commissioner Mroz:

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I am writing on behalf of the Harding Township Committee regarding the Montville-Whippany Reinforcement Project.

As with many towns in New Jersey, Harding's electric power delivery suffered extensively over the last few years in the aftermath of Irene, Sandy and the October snowstorm. Electric service reliability is critical to our residents and business operations.

For this reason, I am writing expressing Harding's support for Jersey Central Power & Light Company's ("JCP&L") Montville -Whippany Reinforcement Project. The proposed 230-kilovolt transmission line that will enhance electric service reliability, add redundancy to the system and meet the growing demand for power in northern New Jersey. The approximate \$35 million investment will provide greater flexibility for rerouting power and allow JCP&L to bring additional electric capacity to the area, help limit service disruptions and provide the ability to restore service more quickly and effectively in the event of disruptions.

Service reliability is critical to our residents and businesses, and this reinforcement project is important to Harding. We urge you to review and approve the Montville-Whippany Reinforcement Project as soon as possible, so that JCP&L can proceed with its plans to enhance energy reliability for our community.

Sincerely,

Nicolas Platt  
Mayor

CC: Hon. Leland S. McGee, Administrative Law Judge  
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