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RE: Provisional Rate Increase Implementation – BPU Docket No. AX1750468

Dear Secretary Asbury:

Jersey Central Power & Light Company (“JCP&L”) submits these comments in support of the proposed new subchapter to the New Jersey Administrative Code, N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, titled Provisional Rate Increase Implementation (“Provisional Rates”).

JCP&L supports the proposed Provisional Rates regulation, which purpose it views is to provide additional clarity regarding the implementation an already existing statute. As the Board of Public Utilities (“BPU”) is well aware, interim or provisional rates are not a new regulatory development in New Jersey, and similar practices been adopted in numerous other states, such as nearby Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Maryland. In some ways, interim rates function as “checks and balances” to encourage efficiency in the regulatory process. The proposed rule provides for consistency and clarity for the implementation of provisional rates, if and when they need to be implemented.

In its support of the proposed Provisional Rates regulation, JCP&L stands with the New Jersey Utilities Association (“NJUA”) and echoes the comments submitted on behalf of its members, including JCP&L. JCP&L urges the BPU to adopt the proposed Provisional Rate regulation as final, considering and including the comments of NJUA.

Respectfully,

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