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New Jersey Board of Public Utilities  
44 S. Clinton Avenue  
Trenton, NJ 08625

RE: BPU Docket No. ER20020146

Dear Aida Camacho-Welch,

I am writing in support of the JCP&L rate application for reliability improvements . I have been the Mayor of Fair Haven since 2012 and witnessed first hand the devastation that both Sandy and Isais caused to our power infrastructure. A robust power grid is essential to the viability of our Borough.

Our area in eastern Monmouth county is unique in that we have an abundance of significant specimen trees, many over 100' tall, within 2.5 miles of the Atlantic Ocean. This combined with an above ground power grid makes our area particularly vulnerable to violent storms. In short, when the wind blows the power goes out.

JCP&L has improved the form and manner in which they respond to these emergencies and have made substantial gains in reliability since 2012, their efforts in this regard warrant the financial support required to continue their investment in our region.

Bew Well Be Safe,  
Benjamin J. Lucarelli  
Mayor, Borough of Fair Haven