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Honorable Carmen Diaz
Acting Secretary
State of New Jersey
Board of Public Utilities
44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor
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**RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ROCKLAND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR
APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE PROGRAM, ESTABLISHMENT OF AN
ELECTRIC VEHICLE SURCHARGE, AND FOR OTHER RELIEF**

BPU Docket No. EO20110730

Dear Acting Secretary Diaz:

My office applauds the State's goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and combat the consequences of climate change by encouraging the adoption of electric vehicles, which is critical to achieving the clean transportation future that Bergen County residents expect and deserve. Achievement of the goals set forth in the Electric Vehicle Act of 2020 will require a multi-partner approach, including action by State, federal, and local government; utilities; industry; and community organizations. Electric utilities play an essential role in the clean transportation future by supporting the rollout of publicly accessible charging stations and managing the impact of increased electricity usage on the grid – both to the benefit of all who live, work, and play in Bergen County.

Rockland Electric Company, one of two electric utilities serving Bergen County, has proposed a program to support the increased adoption of light duty electric vehicles. I encourage the Board of Public Utilities to take swift action to approve this program. As we near 2025, initiatives and programs become vital to reaching the State's goal of 330,000 light duty, plug-in electric vehicles. The Board must not lose any more time in providing the tools needed to allow residents, businesses, and the economy to enjoy the widespread benefits of clean transportation.

Bergen County, along with many of its residents, is poised to take advantage of Rockland Electric's program once adopted. Increased charging stations throughout the county will

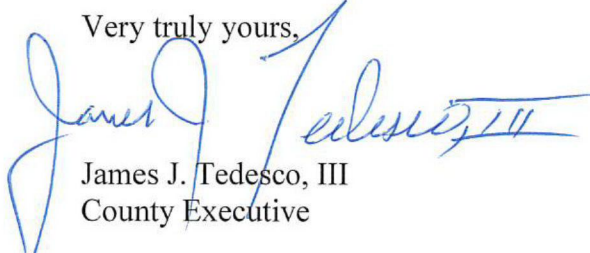
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reduce our residents' range anxiety and thereby encourage further adoption of electric vehicles. And supporting in-home charging, including education on the impact of this charging, will deliver the benefits our residents deserve from a knowledgeable partner.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James J. Tedesco, III". The signature is stylized with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

James J. Tedesco, III
County Executive

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