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Re: Request for Comments - Proposed Revision to FY22 NJCEP Budgets for Existing Homes and C&I Buildings (Staff-Authorized)" publiccomments@njcleanenergy.com

Dear Acting Secretary Diaz:

The New Jersey Utilities Association ("NJUA") represents investor-owned utilities that provide electric, natural gas, telecommunications, water and wastewater services to residential and business customers throughout the State. I am writing on behalf of the electric and natural gas companies ("the utilities") that are members of the NJUA in response to the April 28, 2022 request from the Staff of the Board of Public Utilities ("Board") to provide comments on the Proposed Revision to FY22 New Jersey's Clean Energy ProgramTM Budgets for Existing Homes and C&I Buildings (Staff-Authorized)".

The utilities would like to express strong support for the proposed budget reallocation. From our own experience administering energy efficiency programs inside and outside of New Jersey, we recognize it is incredibly challenging to accurately predict market response as there are a myriad of factors that vary over time which impact customer participation in programs. Ensuring that customers who installed qualifying equipment and/or the contractors who performed the installations receive the prevailing incentive for their qualifying equipment and projects is critical to long term confidence in the market. With that in mind, the utilities support the transfer of available funding from the Commercial and Industrial Buildings Program to the Residential Existing Homes Program as proposed.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comments.

Sincerely,

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