

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2022 NEW JERSEY ENERGY MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Docket No. EO22020080

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that in 2018, Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive Order No. 28, which directed the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board" or "NJBPU") to develop an Energy Master Plan ("EMP") to serve as the State's blueprint to achieve 100% clean energy by 2050.² Released on January 27, 2020, the 2019 EMP establishes a set of goals to put New Jersey on a pathway to achieve the State's clean energy goals, and expands upon previous EMPs to account for the complete energy system in the State, including electricity generation, transportation, and usage in commercial buildings. Additionally, the 2019 EMP incorporates mandates from the Clean Energy Act of 2018,³ the Zero Emission Vehicle Memorandum of Understanding,⁴ and the Global Warming Response Act of 2009⁵ to reduce GHG emissions 80% by 2050, relative to 2006 levels.

This year, the EMP will undergo an update as required by the EMP Statute ("Statute").⁶ The 2022 EMP Update ("Update") will address the following seven strategies enumerated in the 2019 EMP ("Strategies"), as well as provide an overview of the State's progress toward achieving 100% clean energy, and an 80% reduction in greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions, by 2050:

1. Reducing Energy Consumption and Emissions from the Transportation Sector;
2. Accelerating Deployment of Renewable Energy and Distributed Energy Resources;
3. Maximizing Energy Efficiency and Conservation, and Reducing Peak Demand;
4. Reducing Energy Consumption and Emissions from the Building Sector;
5. Decarbonizing and Modernizing New Jersey's Energy System;
6. Supporting Community Energy Planning and Action in Underserved Communities; and
7. Expanding the Clean Energy Innovation Economy.⁷

The Update will incorporate progress information acquired through interagency collaboration and stakeholder feedback to make recommendations on how to continue steering New Jersey toward its overall clean energy and climate goals.

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² Exec. Order No. 28 (May 23, 2018), 50 N.J.R. 1394(b) (June 18, 2018).

³ L. 2018, c.17 (N.J.S.A. 48:3-87, et seq.).

⁴ Governor Murphy signed the Multi-State Medium-and Heavy-Duty Zero Emission Vehicle Memorandum of Understanding on June 30, 2020. (Source: <https://nj.gov/dep/ages/docs/mhdv-zev-mou-20200714.pdf>).

⁵ L. 2007, c.112 (N.J.S.A. 26:2C-37, et seq.).

⁶ L. 1977, c.146, amended 1987, c. 365 § 14 (N.J.S.A. 52:27F-14(b)).

⁷ New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, 2019 New Jersey Energy Master Plan: Pathway to 2050, https://nj.gov/bpu/pdf/publicnotice/NJBPU_EMP.pdf.

The Statute directs an EMP Committee to set dates for a series of public hearings.⁸ At least 60 days prior to each public hearing, the EMP Committee is required to "notify each energy industry and each State department, commission, authority, council, agency, or board charged with the regulation, supervision or control of any business, industry or utility engaged in the production, processing, distribution, transmission, or storage of energy in any form of the time and place for the hearing."⁹

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE: that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, and as authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-9.3, virtual public hearings will be conducted on the following days and times so that members of the public may present their views:

Hearing #	Public Hearing Date and Start Time	Agenda	Location - Virtual Link or Call-in Information to Join the Public Hearing
1	January 26, 2023 10:00 a.m. EST	Overview, progress, and current actions for Strategies 1, 2, and 5 listed in the 2019 EMP.	Zoom Virtual Webinar Registration: https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_NW4sVevASymFJcrkuxBQUw (Note: If you are typing the URL, please use UPPERCASE for all capitalized letters.) This hearing will describe the goals under Strategies 1, 2, and 5 of the 2019 EMP, the progress on achieving those goals, and potential current actions regarding the Update. There will be a panel of NJBPU Staff and representatives from other State agencies ¹⁰ to provide insights into these specific subject matters. Stakeholders and members of the general public will be invited to comment on strategy, progress, and current actions, either orally at the time of the public hearing or in writing.
2	February 16, 2023 10:00 a.m. EST	Overview, progress, and current actions for Strategies 3 and 4.	Zoom Virtual Webinar Registration: https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_pGultj1WTp29uPhA7sTDww (Note: If you are typing the URL, please use all UPPERCASE for all capitalized letters.) This hearing will describe the goals under Strategies 3 and 4 of the 2019 EMP, the progress on achieving those goals, and potential current actions regarding the Update. There will be a panel of NJBPU Staff and representatives from other State agencies ¹¹ to provide insights into these specific subject matters. Stakeholders and members of the general public will be invited to comment on strategy progress and current actions, either orally at the time of the public hearing or in writing.

⁸ The EMP Committee consists of "the heads of the following New Jersey principal departments, or their designees: Commerce; Energy and Economic Development; Community Affairs; Environmental Protection; Health; Human Services; Transportation; and Treasury," with the Commissioner of Commerce, Energy and Economic Development or such person's designee serving as chairperson of such committee. See N.J.S.A. 52:27F-14(a).

⁹ L. 1977, c.146, amended 1987, c. 365 § 14 (N.J.S.A. 52:27F-14(c)(2)).

¹⁰ This includes, but is not limited to, certain members of the EMP Committee such as the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Community Affairs, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Treasury.

¹¹ Id.

3	March 9, 2023 5:00 p.m. EST	Overview, progress, and current actions for Strategies 6 and 7.	Zoom Virtual Webinar Registration: https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_dnTF9E2XQAWCeBdXecDHKQ (Note: If you are typing the URL, please use UPPERCASE for all capitalized letters.) This hearing will describe the goals under Strategies 6 and 7 of the 2019 EMP, the progress on those goals, and potential current actions regarding the Update. There will be a panel of NJBPU Staff and representatives from other State agencies ¹² to provide insights into these specific subject matters. This hearing will also serve as a brief recap of Hearings 1 and 2. Stakeholders and members of the general public will be invited to comment and ask questions on strategy progress and current actions, either orally at the time of the public hearing or in writing.
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Representatives from Board Staff and other State agencies¹³ will participate in the virtual public hearings. Members of the public are invited to express their views and by utilizing the link or dial-in information set forth above. All comments will be part of the final record of the proceeding, and will be considered by the Board. In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, such as interpreters and/or listening assistance, 48 hours prior to the above hearings to the Board Secretary at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

Comments

The Board is also accepting written and/or electric comments, the deadlines for which are as follows:

- Hearing #1 - Written comments are due by **February 9, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. EST**
- Hearing #2 - Written comments are due by **March 2, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. EST**
- Hearing #3 - Written comments are due by **March 23, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. EST**

While all comments will be given equal consideration and will be made part of the final record of this proceeding, the preferred method of transmittal is via the Board's Public Document Search tool. Search for the docket number listed above, and post by utilizing the "Post Comments" button. Emailed comments may also be filed with the Acting Secretary of the Board, in pdf or Word format, to board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

Written comments may also be submitted to the Acting Board Secretary, Carmen D. Diaz, at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350. All emailed or mailed comments should include reference to Docket Number EO22020080.

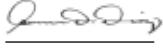
¹² Id.

¹³ Id.

All comments are considered "public documents" for purposes of the State's Open Public Records Act. Commenters may identify information that they seek to keep confidential by submitting them in accordance with the confidentiality procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3.

Please direct all questions about this matter to: EMPupdate@bpu.nj.gov.

Board Staff looks forward to receiving and reviewing your comments. Thank you for your interest in the 2022 EMP Update.



Carmen D. Diaz
Acting Board Secretary

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