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Carmen D. Diaz, Acting Secretary of the Board
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Re: Light Emitting Diode Streetlight Program
NJ BPU Docket No. QO22110710

Dear Ms. Diaz:

As the Mayor of Paterson, New Jersey's third largest city, I am writing to support the approval of the LED Streetlight program proposed by PSE&G. It is my understanding that thousands of inefficient HPS streetlights in the city would be replaced by LEDs if this program were approved by the NJBPU. This will improve public safety, reduce costs and eliminate significant CO2E emissions annually.

Under my administration, Paterson has invested in new parks, public spaces, affordable housing and has facilitated the planning and design of numerous community redevelopment projects. These projects, in turn, have signaled to the private development community that capital dollars spent in Paterson are a good investment.

This investment strategy also incorporates national standards for Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTEDs) in order to ensure public confidence in the safety and security of the city. Adequate and improved street lighting is a critical component our CPTED program. It is also central to supporting our cities smart growth potential.

PSE&G has worked closely with our police department to add additional street lighting including LEDs on specific streets. However, this process is slow. It does not substitute for the proposed more focused re-light the entire city-night approach.

Street light outages are one of the most frequent complaints that I hear as mayor from residents and business owners. My staff spend many hours a week regularly monitoring and reporting street light outages to PSE&G. In turn, PSE&G then needs to investigate and

schedule this repair. All told, this process is very labor intensive and frustrating for all parties involved.

Along with the smart controllers, the proposed LED lights are more energy efficient and require substantially less maintenance. We are confident that the program will accrue significant efficiencies for the city saving both time and money for other important citywide tasks.

In conclusion, we are very hopeful that BPU supports the PSE&G street light program. We believe that replacing thousands of HPS streetlights in the city with LEDs is proactively responding to our public safety, fiscal and environmental concerns.

Please feel free to reach out to me and thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'AS', with a large loop at the end.

Andre Sayegh, Mayor
City of Paterson