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Carmen D. Diaz
Acting Secretary of the NJ Board of Utilities

Reference: BPU Docket No. QO22110710

Dear Ms. Diaz,

I have been informed that the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) is seeking public comments regarding a program to have utilities convert existing streetlights to LED lights. On behalf of the Township of Edgewater Park, the Township Committee wants to share our support for the proposal, which would benefit our town and residents.

Being only a (3) square mile community, it is easy to get to most of the Town's amenities on foot. One of our greatest assets is a National Cemetery. This is the resting place of Veterans from every War and Conflict of the United States. I bring this fact up due to the number of residents and visitors that walk it daily!

Unfortunately, the antiquated lighting our Town currently has for someone who is out walking, is aesthetically not pleasing, not to mention inefficient. The current lighting does not produce the effect found with LED type lighting.

LED lights are brighter, last longer and use much less electricity than the existing streetlights. Converting to LED would help the Township save on its utility bills, while making it safer for our residents to walk and drive around the Township. With the current economy many municipalities, including Edgewater Park Township, are struggling to keep up with the rising costs of supplies, utilities, gasoline, etc. Edgewater Park would welcome any savings it can find to reduce the Township's operational expenses.

Upgrading to LED streetlights would also allow the Township of Edgewater Park and other towns to manage the streetlights. With the installation of smart controllers, towns could control the dimming of lights and turn them on and off. We would also be able to detect burned-out or malfunctioning lights more easily.

Thank you for the opportunity to endorse a program that provides for better public safety. Based on the Township's experience working closely with PSE&G during storms and outages, the Township is confident that PSE&G can successfully implement the program.

Sincerely,


Michael Trainor, Mayor