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Cc:	Graham, Karriemah [BPU]; Espinoza, Emeli [BPU]
Subject:	FW: JCP&L Energize NJ - BPU Docket No. EO23110793
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From: mike bridgingthegap.vet <mike@bridgingthegap.vet>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] JCP&L Energize NJ - BPU Docket No. EO23110793

Dear Secretary Golden,

I am writing to express my strong support for JCP&L's proposed Infrastructure Investment Program – EnergizeNJ. As the President of a non-profit organization that supports veterans in New Jersey, I believe that investing in our state's electrical grid is not only essential for ensuring the reliability and safety of our energy supply but also crucial for the well-being of our large and diverse veteran community.

The importance of a robust electric distribution infrastructure cannot be overstated for veterans who may be diagnosed with PTSD or any other service-connected disability. There are many veterans who own and operate small businesses and non-profit organizations that rely on a modern and efficient electrical grid. I understand that this project will also have a positive impact on job creation and stimulate economic growth in our region, including hopefully putting qualified veterans to work. This is something that Bridging the Gap for Veterans, Inc. puts a tremendous amount of focus on.

I urge the board to move forward with the necessary approvals and funding to ensure the successful implementation of this critical initiative. I appreciate your time and consideration, and I look forward to witnessing the positive impact of this infrastructure upgrade for veterans across New Jersey.

Sincerely, //Mike// Mike Ferraro President Cmd Chief Master Sergeant (ret) Bridging the Gap for Veterans <u>mike@bridgingthegap.vet</u>