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Sherri L. Golden
Secretary of the Board
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor
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Subject: Support for Infrastructure Investment Program II (EnergizeNJ) - BPU Docket No. EO23110793

Dear Secretary Golden,

I am writing to express strong support for JCP&L's proposed Infrastructure Investment Program - EnergizeNJ that is currently under consideration. In Ocean Township, we take the idea of investing in our infrastructure very seriously and have committed to our residents that we would always do what's best for them to meet the growing needs of our municipality.

It is our opinion that JCP&L's historic investment in the infrastructure grid would provide our residents with a level of service that we believe they deserve. Not only is it essential for improved reliability, but also for promoting sustainable practices. As a Sustainable Jersey Certified Community, we certainly value the infrastructure upgrades that will enhance the sustainability of our power systems. EnergizeNJ enables the integration of renewable energy resources, which play a vital role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and combating climate change.

It is our understanding that our residents will benefit from tens of millions of dollars of infrastructure upgrades to include substation work, upgrading underground networks, the deployment of additional trip savers, and work to improve the rapidly aging infrastructure in our community. We can't overstate the importance of this enough to meet the growing needs of our municipality.

We look forward to the implementation of the electrical infrastructure upgrades in our community and will continue to advocate on behalf of our residents for the service they deserve from Jersey Central Power & Light.

Sincerely,

David G. Brown, II
Township Manager