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Subject: Support for Infrastructure Investment Program II (EnergizeNJ) - BPU Docket No. EO23110793 Dear Secretary Golden,

I am writing to express my support for JCP&L's proposed Infrastructure Investment Program - EnergizeNJ that is currently under consideration. As Executive Director of the Washington Borough Business Improvement District (BID), I feel strongly that this program will benefit my community by providing a modernization of the current electric infrastructure which will help reduce the size and duration of power outages.

The importance of a robust electric distribution infrastructure cannot be overstated. A modern, efficient, and resilient electrical grid is crucial for meeting the growing energy demands of our state. A well-maintained, modernized distribution system enhances the overall reliability of our electricity supply. As a result, this contributes to the well-being and safety of New Jersey's residents, as it helps prevent power outages during weather events and emergencies.

I respectfully request that the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities carefully consider the benefits of this program. I urge the board to move forward with the necessary approvals to ensure the successful implementation of this critical initiative.

Thank you for your dedication to overseeing and regulating New Jersey's public utilities. I appreciate your time and consideration in this matter, and I look forward to witnessing the positive impact of this program on our great state.

Sincerely,

Melanie Thiel

Executive Director, Washington Borough Business Improvement District (BID)