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Secretary of the Board
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
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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 strong support for JCP&L's proposed Infrastructure Investment Program – EnergizeNJ. As a veteran with service-connected disabilities and board member for 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. I'd also suggest that many veterans own and operate small businesses and non-profit organizations that rely on a modern and efficient electrical grid. From what I gather, 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.

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,

Jay Hayden Manahawkin, NJ