

**TOWNSHIP OF ANDOVER
COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION #R2024-42

**DECLARING TOWNSHIP OF ANDOVER RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
FOR THE JCP&L *EnergizeNJ* PROGRAM
BPU Docket No. EO23110793**

WHEREAS The Township of Andover recognizes that reliable electric service plays a crucial role in the daily lives of Township residents; and

WHEREAS The Township of Andover recognizes that reliable electric service also is critical to the local businesses within our community, and drives commerce in our Township and across the region; and

WHEREAS The Township of Andover supports efforts to upgrade our energy infrastructure to continue to provide families and businesses the reliable source of energy they need; and

WHEREAS The Township of Andover supports efforts to enhance the reliability and resiliency of the electric distribution system against severe weather and reduce the number of customers affected by outages and shorten the duration of outages; and

WHEREAS The Township of Andover has been informed that Jersey Central Power and Light Company's (JCP&L) *EnergizeNJ* Program includes approximately \$935 million in targeted investments above and beyond its regular annual investments to enhance JCP&L's service reliability and resiliency; and

WHEREAS The Township of Andover has been informed that the JCP&L plan is divided into three key investment areas: grid modernization, system resiliency and substation modernization, that will strengthen the backbone of JCP&L's local electric system, providing the foundation for smart grid capabilities in the future; and

WHEREAS The Township of Andover has been informed that this investment should provide approximately \$3.08 billion return in reliability benefits to customers by helping to reduce non-storm outages and improving JCP&L's ability to restore power following a major storm event; and

WHEREAS The Township of Andover has been informed that JCP&L estimates the initial increase on the monthly bill for an average residential customer would be about 54 cents in 2025 and after full phase-in in 2030 the additional monthly bill for an average residential customer would increase by \$4.16.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor and Council of the Township of Andover hereby finds and declares:

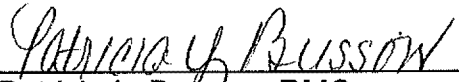
That JCP&L's *EnergizeNJ* Program will benefit residents and businesses in the Township of Andover and throughout Sussex County by making JCP&L's electric distribution system during storm and non-storm events more resistant to storm damage and enabling the system to recover more quickly when outages do occur and increase the distribution system's resiliency, operational flexibility, safety, and security.

JCP&L's *EnergizeNJ* Program should be approved by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

INTRODUCED, READ, AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council this 1st day of February, 2024.

CERTIFICATION

I, Patricia L. Bussow, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Andover, in the County of Sussex in the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true copy of the Original Resolution duly passed and adopted by a majority of the full membership of the Andover Township Committee at its Regular Meeting held on February 1, 2024



Patricia L. Bussow, RMC
Administrator/Municipal Clerk