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Subject: Support for BPU Docket No. EO23110793 – JCP&L EnergizeNJ

Dear Secretary Golden:

I am writing to express my strong support for JCP&L's proposed Infrastructure Investment Program - EnergizeNJ that is currently under consideration. The **New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce ("State Chamber")** believes that investing in our state's electrical grid is not only essential for ensuring the reliability and safety of our energy supply but also for promoting sustainable and environmentally responsible practices.

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. It enables the integration of renewable energy resources, which play a vital role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and combating climate change.

Furthermore, a well-maintained, modernized distribution system enhances the overall reliability of our electricity supply. This, in turn, contributes to the well-being and safety of New Jersey's residents, as it helps prevent power outages during extreme weather events and emergencies.

The State Chamber believes that this project aligns with the broader goals of the state, such as transitioning to cleaner energy sources, reducing carbon emissions and bolstering the resilience of our infrastructure. It will also have a positive impact on job creation and stimulate economic growth in our region.

I trust that the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities will carefully consider the benefits of this program, while also addressing any environmental or community concerns. I urge the board to move forward with the necessary approvals and funding 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,



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