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Sherri L. Golden  
Secretary of the Board  
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities  
44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor  
Trenton, NJ 08625

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 a concerned citizen of New Jersey and in my capacity as the Mayor of Bedminster, 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 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. 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.

Furthermore, Bedminster residents have been subject to numerous power outages throughout the past several years. Some of these outages have been weather related; however, the majority of the outages are not related to weather incidents and can be traced back to either failures in antiquated substations or unnecessarily long circuit runs. This significantly decreases service reliability and disproportionately affects residents living in our most densely populated area - The Hills condominium developments.

I believe 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, home valuation and will 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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