

**TOWNSHIP OF VERNON**

**RESOLUTION #24-65**

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

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

**WHEREAS** the Township of Vernon 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 Vernon 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 Vernon 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 Vernon 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 Vernon 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 Vernon 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 Vernon 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 Township Vernon hereby finds and declares:

That JCP&L's *EnergizeNJ* Program will benefit residents and businesses in the Township of Vernon 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.

#### CERTIFICATION

I certify that this is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Council of the Township of Vernon at their Regular Meeting held on February 26, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Vernon Municipal Center.

  
Marcy Gianattasio, RMC, CMR  
Municipal Clerk

#### VERNON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

NAME	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Buccieri, N.		X	X			
DeBenedetto, J.			X			
Higgins, W.			X			
Sparta, B.	X		X			
Rizzuto, P.			X			