



Sussex County Farm & Horse Show

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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'm composing this letter to express our support for the proposed enhancement of our electric distribution infrastructure that is currently being evaluated. As an engaged business, a private non-profit organization, in New Jersey, I'm certain that investing in the combination of grid modernization and system resiliency will add complementary strategies that together can greatly enhance the performance and sustainability of our power systems.

New Jersey has the need for increased reliability to our electric distribution infrastructure. Upgrading power lines to carry more electricity and make the lines more durable against the weather emergencies, along with the integration of SmartGrid technology, make for a more reliable system. It allows for the integration of renewable energy sources, which are key in mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and addresses climate change and the broader state goals.

The EnergizeNJ program will also have a positive effect on job creation and stimulate economic growth in our region. I trust that the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities will thoroughly consider the merits of this program while also addressing any environmental or community concerns. On behalf of the NJ State Fair®/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show, I would like to urge the board to approve funding to ensure the forward momentum of this initiative.

Sincerely,

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