

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA

Sussex County, New Jersey

No. 24-76

Date of Adoption: 3/12/2024

Title or Subject:

**9-5 Resolution Declaring Township of Sparta Support for the JCP&L *EnergizeNJ*
Program BPU Docket No. EO23110793**

Introduced by: Councilwoman Quinn

Seconded by: Mayor Clark

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Sparta **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 Sparta 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 Sparta 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 Sparta 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 Sparta 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 Sparta 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 Sparta 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. After the full phase-in in 2030 the additional monthly bill for an average JCP&L customer using 783 kilowatt-hours of electricity per month, whose bill is currently \$116.88, could expect to see a total increase of approximately \$4.16, or 3.6%, on their monthly electric bill over the course of the five-year plan.

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

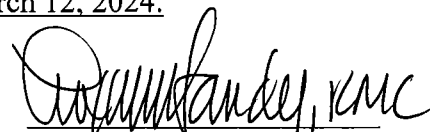
That JCP&L's *EnergizeNJ* Program will benefit residents and businesses in the Township of Sparta and throughout Sussex County by making JCP&L's electric distribution system during storm and non-storm events more resistant to storm damage and enabling the system to recover more quickly when outages do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

RECORD VOTE OF COUNCIL ON FINAL PASSAGE									
COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
BLUMETTI			X		HERTZBERG			X	
CHIARIELLO	X				QUINN	X			
CLARK	X								

I, Roxanne Landy, Municipal Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at the Regular meeting of the Council held on March 12, 2024.

March 13, 2024
Date


Signature – Municipal Clerk