

**Township of Hardyston
Resolution #34-24**

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

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

WHEREAS The Township of Hardyston 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 Hardyston 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 Hardyston 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 Hardyston has been informed that Jersey Central Power and Light Company's (JCP&L) *EnergizeNJ* Program includes approximately \$930.5 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 Hardyston 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 Hardyston has been informed that this investment should provide approximately \$3.36 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 Hardyston has been informed that JCP&L estimates the initial increase on the monthly bill for an average residential customer would be about 42 cents in 2025 and after full phase-in in 2030 the additional monthly bill for an average residential customer would increase by \$4.07.

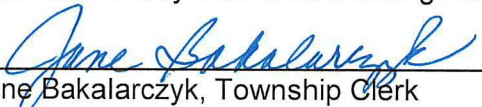
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Hardyston hereby finds and declares:

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

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of the Resolution passed by the Hardyston Township Council at a duly convened meeting held on March 27, 2024.



Jane Bakalarczyk, Township Clerk