

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKFORD
COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION 2024-026

**SUPPORTING THE JCP&L *EnergizeNJ* PROGRAM
BPU Docket No. EO23110793**

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Frankford 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 Frankford 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 Frankford 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 Frankford highly recommends the upgrade and strengthening of our electrical infrastructure to guard against emerging threats such as EMP and Internet-based attacks; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Frankford believes that the method by which JCP&L must use in order to request rate increases needed to maintain and upgrade its electrical infrastructure is antiquated, arbitrary, and capricious; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Frankford 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 Frankford 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 Mayor and Committee of the Township Frankford hereby finds and declares:

That JCP&L's *EnergizeNJ* Program may benefit residents and businesses in the Township of Frankford 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, Lori Nienstedt, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Frankford, in the County of Sussex, and the State of New Jersey do hereby Certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true copy of the Original Resolution duly passed and adopted by a majority of the full membership of Township of Frankford Committee at its Workshop meeting of March 26, 2024.



Lori Nienstedt, MBA, RMC
Municipal Clerk