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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 am writing to express my strong support for JCP&L's proposed Infrastructure Investment Program, EnergizeNJ, currently under consideration by the Board.

As a longtime legislator and local elected official, I understand the great need for continued investment in our state's electrical grid. These critical investments are not only essential for ensuring the reliability and safety of our energy supply, but also for promoting sustainable and environmentally responsible practices.

The importance of a robust electric distribution infrastructure cannot be overstated, especially in a district like mine that was so impacted by Superstorm Sandy more than a decade ago. A well-maintained, modernized distribution system enhances the overall reliability of our electricity supply, which, in turn, contributes to the well-being and safety of New Jersey's residents.

Furthermore, a modern, efficient, and resilient electrical grid is crucial for meeting the growing energy demands of our state, as well as ensuring reliability in the face of extreme weather events. It also enables the integration of renewable energy resources, which plays a vital role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and combating climate change.

I believe that this project aligns with the broader goals of the state, such as transitioning to cleaner energy sources, reducing carbon emissions, and bolstering the resilience of our

infrastructure. It will also have a positive impact on job creation and stimulate economic growth in our region.

I trust that the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities will carefully consider the benefits of this program, while also addressing any environmental or community concerns. I urge the board to move forward with the necessary approvals and funding to ensure the successful implementation of this critical initiative.

Thank you for your dedication to overseeing and regulating New Jersey's public utilities. I appreciate your time and consideration in this matter, and I look forward to witnessing the positive impact of this program on our great state.

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