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TO: Each Municipal Clerk and County
Executive or Administrator of the
Municipalities and Counties of
New Jersey Served by Jersey
Central Power & Light Company

Re: **In the Matter of the 2021/2022 Annual Compliance Filings for the Universal
Service Fund Program Factors within the Societal Benefits Charges Rates**

BPU Docket No. ER21060939

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find a copy of a Notice of Public Hearing for Jersey Central Power & Light Company's ("JCP&L" or the "Company") seeking the Board's approval of the Universal Service Fund ("USF") and Lifeline components of the electric Societal Benefits Charges ("SBC") to become effective on October 1, 2021.

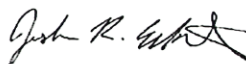
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") has scheduled telephonic public hearings on this matter at the times set forth in the enclosed Public Notice.

A copy of the Company's Verified Petition, together with supporting attachments, is available for review on JCP&L's website at:

https://www.firstenergycorp.com/jersey_central_power_light/regulatory.html

JCP&L would be pleased to furnish you with any assistance or additional information that you might reasonably require.

Very truly yours,



Josh R. Eckert
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NOTICE TO THE CUSTOMERS OF JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

Notice of a Filing and Notice of Public Hearings

In the Matter of the 2021/2022 Annual Compliance Filings for the Universal Service Fund Program Factors within the Societal Benefits Charges Rates
BPU Docket No. ER21060939

TAKE NOTICE that, on June 29, 2021, Jersey Central Power & Light Company ("JCP&L") made a compliance filing with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") providing supporting documentation for changes in the Universal Service Fund ("USF") and Lifeline components of the electric Societal Benefits Charges ("SBC") to become effective on October 1, 2021 ("Filing"). This requested change in electric USF/Lifeline components is made pursuant to Board Orders and includes the recovery of funding for the USF Program through uniform statewide rates. The USF Program was established by the Board in 2003, pursuant to the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49, et seq. ("EDECA"), to assist qualifying low-income individuals in paying their energy bills. The SBC also includes funding for the Lifeline program, which provides assistance with heating costs to qualifying elderly and disabled persons.

The State of New Jersey's Department of Community Affairs is the Administrator of the USF Program. The New Jersey Department of Human Services is the Administrator of the Lifeline programs and authorizes the disbursement of benefits to eligible customers in the respective programs.

Based upon the results and available estimates known to date for the 2020/2021 USF program year, and the available estimates for the 2021/2022 USF Program year, it is anticipated that the USF rates will be set to collect \$215.5 million, of which \$159.1 million would be recovered through electric rates with the remaining \$56.4 million recovered through gas rates on a statewide basis. The Lifeline rates are anticipated to collect \$74.6 million, of which, \$50.7 million would be recovered through electric rates with the remaining \$23.9 million recovered through gas rates on a statewide basis. The current after-tax USF/Lifeline program charge for electric customers is \$0.002252 per kilowatt-hour ("kWh"). As proposed, the USF component would increase by \$0.000975 per kWh and the Lifeline component would increase by \$0.000028 per kWh. The proposed after-tax USF/Lifeline program charge will increase to \$0.003255 per kWh to recover approximately \$159.1 million for the statewide electric USF program and \$50.7 million for the Lifeline program.

The proposed statewide charges for electric customers are as follows:

Universal Service/Lifeline Fund Components of Societal Benefits Charge

	Present	Present (Includes Sales and Use Tax)	Proposed	Proposed (Includes Sales and Use Tax)
USF-Electric per kWh	\$0.001400	\$0.001493	\$0.002315	\$0.002468
Lifeline-Electric per kWh	\$0.000712	\$0.000759	\$0.000738	\$0.000787

The above requests will not result in any profit to JCP&L. The revenues received under the proposed USF and Lifeline program factors are designed to permit JCP&L to recover its costs associated with these programs only. Actual program costs will be reconciled with the revenues received through the USF and Lifeline program charges in the next scheduled annual USF and Lifeline compliance filing to be made no later than July 1, 2022.

If approved by the Board, the effect of the proposed changes in the electric USF/Lifeline Program charges on a typical residential electric bill is illustrated below:

Impact of Proposed USF and Lifeline Charges On Typical Residential Electric Bills

Monthly kWh Usage	Annual kWh Usage	Present Annual Bill (1)	Proposed Annual Bill (2)	Proposed Annual Increase	Proposed %
500	6,000	\$803.40	\$809.52	\$6.12	0.76%
1,000	12,000	\$1,659.72	\$1,671.72	\$12.00	0.72%
1,500	18,000	\$2,537.52	\$2,555.52	\$18.00	0.71%

(1) Based on Residential Full Service (RS) rates in effect July 1, 2021

(2) Based on Residential Full Service (RS) rates in effect July 1, 2021 with proposed changes

Based upon JCP&L's Filing, a typical residential electric customer using 500 kilowatt hours per month, and 6,000 kilowatt hours on an annual basis, would see an increase in their annual bill from \$803.40 to \$809.52, or \$6.12 or approximately 0.76%. The proposed increase includes the projected costs of an expansion of the USF program ordered by the Board in an Order dated June 24, 2021, under BPU docket number AO20060471.

The Board has the statutory authority to establish the USF and Lifeline charges at levels it finds just and reasonable. Therefore, the Board may establish the USF and Lifeline charges at levels other than those proposed by JCP&L's Filing.

Copies of the Filing can be reviewed on JCP&L's website at: https://www.firstenergycorp.com/jersey_central_power_light/regulatory.html.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, a telephonic public hearing will be conducted on the following date and times so that members of the public may present their views on the Company's Filing. Information provided at the public hearings will become part of the record and considered by the Board in making its decision.

The following date and time(s) for telephonic public hearing(s)

Public Hearing 1: August 31, 2021, 1:00 PM Public Hearing 2: August 31, 2021, 4:00 PM Dial-In: 877-332-6631 Access Code: 2853961#

Representatives from the Company, Board Staff, and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel will participate in the telephonic public hearings. Members of the public are invited to participate by utilizing the Dial-In number and Access Code set forth above and may express their views on this Filing. All comments will be made a part of the final record of the proceeding and will be considered by the Board. In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any request for needed accommodations, such as interpreters, listening devices, 48 hours prior to the above hearings to the board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

The Board will accept written and/or electronic comments. While all comments will be given equal consideration and will be made part of the final record of this proceeding, the preferred method of transmittal is via the Board's External Access Portal after obtaining a MyNewJersey Portal ID. Detailed instructions for e-Filing can be found on the Board's homepage at <https://www.nj.gov/bpu/agenda/efiling>. Emailed comments may be filed with the Secretary of the Board, in pdf or Word format, to board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

Written comments may also be submitted to the Board Secretary, Aida Camacho-Welch, at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350. All comments should include the name of the Petitioner and the docket number.

All comments are considered "public documents" for purposes of the State's Open Public Records Act. Commenters may identify information that they seek to keep confidential by submitting them in accordance with the confidentiality procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3.