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Agenda Item: 3A

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
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ENGINEERING

IN THE MATTER OF JERSEY CENTRAL POWER	)	ORDER DESIGNATING
& LIGHT COMPANY'S ATTAINMENT OF	)	COMMISSIONER AND SETTING
MINIMUM RELIABILITY LEVELS	)	MANNER OF SERVICE AND BAR
	)	DATE
	)	
	)	DOCKET NO. EO25070453

Parties of Record:

Gregory Eisenstark, Esq. Cozen O'Connor on behalf of Jersey Central Power & Light Company
Brian O. Lipman, Esq., Director, New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel

BY THE BOARD:¹

By this Order, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") considers designating a Presiding Commissioner and setting a bar date for submission of motions seeking leave to intervene, participate, and for admission of counsel *pro hac vice* in this matter.

BACKGROUND

By Order dated August 13, 2025, the Board ordered Jersey Central Power & Light Company ("JCP&L" or "Company") to show cause why the Board should not impose certain penalties upon the Company for failure to comply with the Board's Electric Distribution Service Reliability and Quality Standards, as codified at N.J.A.C. 14:5-8.1 *et seq.*, and for the Company's failure to meet the Board's Minimum Reliability Levels for calendar years 2022, 2023, and 2024.^{2,3}

On October 10, 2025, JCP&L filed its Answer to the August 2025 Order ("Answer"). By the Answer, JCP&L denied all but one (1) allegation made by the Board in the August 2025 Order and asserted seven (7) affirmative defenses arguing against the imposition of penalties.

¹ President Hertz-Shargel has abstained from voting on this matter.

² In the Matter of Jersey Central Power & Light Company's Attainment of Minimum Reliability Levels, BPU Docket No. EO25070453, Order dated August 13, 2025 ("August 2025 Order").

³ On September 10, 2025, the Board issued an Order in this docket which extended the deadline for JCP&L to provide its Answer until October 10, 2025.

On April 13, 2026, Board Staff ("Staff") submitted a letter to JCP&L which concluded that a penalty was warranted, and noted its intention to recommend the Board issue a penalty against JCP&L in the amount of \$44,100,000.

By letter dated April 16, 2026, JCP&L stated that it disagreed with the magnitude of Staff's recommended penalty, but indicated that the Company would work with Staff towards a balanced resolution that addresses the Board's concerns, delivers direct and lasting benefits to customers, and preserves the Company's ability to make the long-term investments necessary to support reliability and grid resilience.

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

The Board has determined that this matter should be retained for hearing. Accordingly, as authorized by N.J.S.A. 48:2-32, the Board **HEREBY DESIGNATES** Commissioner Christine Guhl-Sadovy as the presiding officer with authority to rule on all motions that arise during the pendency of this proceeding, and modify any schedules that may be set as necessary to secure a just and expeditious determination of the issues.

Further, the Board **HEREBY DIRECTS** that any entities seeking leave to intervene or participate in this matter file the appropriate motion with the Board on or before August 12, 2026. Any party wishing to file a motion for admission of counsel, *pro hac vice*, should do so concurrently with any motion to intervene or participate.

In addition, in compliance with the Board's Orders in Docket No. EO20030254, all parties are **HEREBY DIRECTED** to serve all documents electronically.⁴ No hard copies shall be filed until the Board lifts the restrictions imposed by the Orders. The Board **FURTHER DIRECTS** Staff to post this Order to the Board's website.

⁴ In re the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic for a Temporary Waiver of Requirements for Certain Non-Essential Obligations, BPU Docket No. EO20030254, Orders dated March 19, 2020 and June 10, 2020.

This Order shall be effective July 22, 2026.

DATED: July 15, 2026

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
BY:

ABSTAINED

BEN HERTZ-SHARGEL
PRESIDENT



CHRISTINE GUHL-SADOVY
COMMISSIONER



MICHAEL BANGE
COMMISSIONER

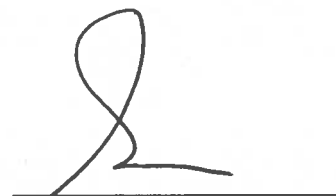


EMMA REBHORN
COMMISSIONER



JOSEPH COVIELLO
COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



SHERRI L. LEWIS
BOARD SECRETARY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within
document is a true copy of the original
in the files of the Board of Public Utilities.

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