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NOTICE¹

In the Matter of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Notice of Stakeholder Meeting and Opportunity to Comment February 8, 2021 – 2:00 p.m. Virtual format via GoToWebinar:

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/954634890867518477

Pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act," N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("NJBPU" or "Board") hereby gives notice of a virtual Stakeholder Meeting to be held on **February 8, 2021**. The purpose of this meeting is to allow for an informal discussion regarding the growing size and number of arrearages and potential rate impacts of the extended moratoria relative to Governor Murphy's Executive Order No. 190. Due to the complexity of the issues, the Board has found it necessary to expand the scope of this docket as set out in its October 28, 2020 Order to allow interested parties the opportunity to present comments concerning these issues. Areas of discussion will include the following:

- What data is needed to help determine the impact of the pandemic on customers' ability to pay outstanding utility bills?
- Are existing assistance programs sufficient to meet the needs of customers who are unable to pay their current utility bills?
- What steps are necessary to address the arrearages caused by the pandemic?
- What mechanisms and timelines are appropriate for the implementation of plans to address these issues?

Commenters are encouraged to file their comments electronically through the Board's <u>e-</u> <u>Filing Portal</u> upon obtaining a MyNewJersey Portal ID. Once you establish a MyNewJersey account, an authorization code is required which you can request by emailing the NJBPU's IT Helpdesk at <u>BPUITHELPDESK@bpu.nj.gov</u>. Comments may also be submitted electronically to <u>Board.Secretary@bpu.nj.gov</u> in PDF or Word format with the subject "I/M/O the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic" along with the name and company/organization of the commenter. All comments will be posted on the Board's website. **Comments are due at 5:00 p.m. on March 1, 2021**.

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Please note that these 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.

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Dated: February 1, 2021