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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**Board of Public Utilities**  
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CLEAN ENERGY

IN THE MATTER OF NEW JERSEY CLEAN ENERGY )  
PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 2019 COMMUNITY )  
ENERGY PLANNING )  
) DOCKET NO. QO19040497

**Parties of Record:**

**Stefanie A. Brand, Esq., Director**, New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel  
**Gerald Reiner**, Director of Purchasing, Bergen County

BY THE BOARD:<sup>1</sup>

By this Order, the Board of Public Utilities ("Board" or "BPU") considers the New Jersey Division of Clean Energy's ("Staff") recommendation to approve the following application submitted to the Clean Fleet Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (the "Program"):

- Bergen County

**BACKGROUND**

On March 29, 2019, the Board approved the Community Energy Plan Grant program through a Board Order entered the Fiscal Year ("FY" 2019 Budget) docket.<sup>2</sup> The program was designed to provide communities and local government with the opportunity to localize the Energy Master Plan's ("EMP") goals to their own communities.

In accordance with the Board's Order<sup>3</sup> in May 2019, Staff has developed and administered an application process for Community Energy Plan Grants. The Program opened in May 2019 and has begun to receive applications. The intent of the program is to provide communities and towns

<sup>1</sup> Commissioner Robert M. Gordon recused himself due to a potential conflict of interest and as such took no part in the discussion or deliberation of this matter.

<sup>2</sup> I/M/O the Clean Energy Programs and Budget for Fiscal Year 2019 Trued Up and Revised Budget, BPU Dkt. No. QO18040393 (March 29, 2019).

<sup>3</sup> The application process for the program was approved in May 2019. In the Matter of New Jersey Clean Energy Program Fiscal Year 2019 Community Energy Planning, Dkt. No. QO19040497 (May 8, 2019).

the ability to identify which strategies are most applicable in their communities, what obstacles may exist, what opportunities there may be and which BPU incentive programs or other state programs may help them move towards the goals of the EMP.

Awards are based on the quality of the application, the intended achievement of program goals, and population. The maximum grant allocation is based on the applicant's population, as follows:

Population of under 10,000 \$5,000.00  
Population of 10,001 to under 25,000 \$10,000.00  
Population of 25,001 to under 50,000 \$15,000.00  
Population of 50,001 to under 100,000 \$20,000.00  
Population of over 100,000 \$25,000.00

Bergen County received score sufficient to qualify and had a population of 905,116 at the time of submitting its application.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff seeks Board approval for the application listed above, and authorization for Staff to disburse the grants associated with these applicants in accordance with BPU procedures.

### **DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS**

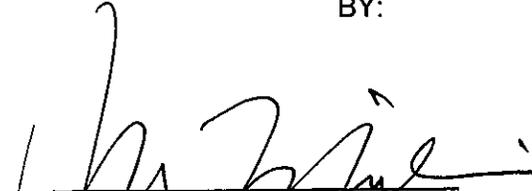
Following careful consideration, the Board **HEREBY FINDS** that the Bergen County Application was submitted, reviewed in accordance with the program criteria, and deemed complete. The Board **FURTHER FINDS** that Bergen County received a score sufficient to qualify and had a population of 905,116 at the time of submitting its application. The Board **APPROVES** a Community Energy Plan Grant of \$25,000 to Bergen County.

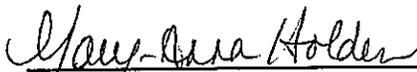
The Board **HEREBY APPROVES** this application to the Program and **HEREBY DIRECTS** the Staff to disburse \$25,000 in funding from the Program Budget in accordance with BPU procedures.

The effective date of this Order is February 15, 2020.

DATED: 2/5/20

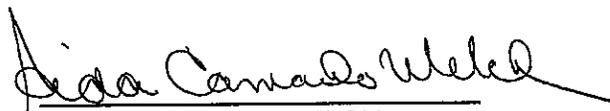
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