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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
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CLEAN ENERGY

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM)
AUTHORIZATION OF COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL) ORDER
ENERGY EFFICIENCY INCENTIVES EXCEEDING)
\$500,000 – JERSEY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS) DOCKET NO. QO25120631

Parties of Record:

Brian O. Lipman, Esq., Director, New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel
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BY THE BOARD:¹

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board” or “BPU”), through New Jersey’s Clean Energy Program (“NJCEP”), manages several individual commercial and industrial (“C&I”) energy efficiency (“EE”) programs targeting the C&I market segments. Eligible applicants may receive rebates for a portion of the cost of installing energy efficient technologies, such as light-emitting diode (“LED”) lighting, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (“HVAC”), and other energy conservation measures (“ECMs”). NJCEP offers incentives to large energy users to upgrade or install ECMs in existing buildings to help offset these capital costs. Incentives are also available for projects involving distributed energy resources. All proposed C&I EE financial incentives and rebates exceeding \$500,000 require explicit Board approval.²

The Large Energy Users Program (“LEUP”) fosters self-investment in EE and combined heat and power projects for New Jersey’s largest C&I customers. To receive incentives, customers must satisfy the program’s eligibility requirements and requirements for investing in self-directed energy projects. Such projects are to be customized to meet the requirements of the customers’ existing facilities while advancing the State’s EE, conservation, and greenhouse gas reduction goals.

By this Order, the Board considers the application of Jersey City Public Schools (“JCPS”) submitted on August 29, 2023 under the Fiscal Year 2024 (“FY24”) LEUP pursuant to the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program Plan Filing for FY24 dated April 30, 2024.

¹ Commissioners Rebhorn and Coviello abstained from voting on this matter.

² In re the Comprehensive Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Resource Analysis for the 2009 Through 2012 Clean Energy Program -- Revised 2012-2013 Programs & Budgets - Revised Rebate Approval Process, BPU Docket No. EO07030203, Order dated May 3, 2013.

The project is located at the JCPS Administration Central Office and the following schools in Jersey City, New Jersey:

- William L. Dickinson High School
- James J. Ferris High School
- Lincoln High School
- Henry Snyder High School
- Dr. Ronald E. McNair Academic High School
- Franklin L. Williams Middle School
- Frank R. Conwell Middle School
- Frank R. Conwell School
- Dr. Michael Conti School
- Charles E. Trefurt School
- Martin Luther King, Jr. School
- Whitney M. Young Jr. School
- Cornelia F. Brandford School
- Joseph H. Brensinger School
- Dr. Maya Angelou School
- Reverend Dr. Ercel F. Webb School
- Chaplain Charles Waters School
- Nicolaus Copernicus School
- Patricia Noonan School
- Alfred E. Zampella School
- Christa McAuliffe School
- Fred W. Martin Center of the Arts

The applicant requested a total financial incentive of \$2,717,606.27 for a project with an estimated total cost of \$18,465,604.47.

JCPS will implement a range of ECMs in the administrative office and across the above schools including LED lighting replacements, a district-wide energy management system implementation, boiler replacements, plug load controls, building envelope improvements, kitchen hood controls, refrigeration controls, water conservation measures, pipe insulation, destratification fans, and steam trap replacements.

The project is anticipated to annually save 7,507,815 kilowatt-hours of electricity, 326,084 therms of natural gas, and 171 kilowatts of peak demand. The proposed project will have an estimated annual energy cost savings of \$1,230,858 and an estimated operation and maintenance cost savings of \$5,679,229. The simple payback period without incentives is 2.67 years; when factoring in the incentives, the simple payback period is reduced to 2.28 years.

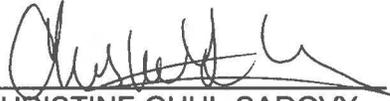
TRC Environmental Corporation (“TRC”), the Program Manager engaged by the Board to manage the LEUP, attested to the accuracy of certain information regarding the project and that the project application adheres to the current terms and conditions of the program. Further, TRC, in its role as the NJCEP Program Administrator, submitted its certification that the incentives were calculated in accordance with the program’s policies and procedures, the listed amounts are the true and accurate estimated incentives for which the applicant is eligible, and the documentation supporting estimated energy savings inputs was located, reviewed, and made available to calculate the rebate amounts as required by the program’s policies and procedures.

The Board **HEREBY ORDERS** the approval of the aforementioned application for the total estimated incentive amount of \$2,717,606.27 for JCPS and **AUTHORIZES** issuance of a standard commitment letter to JCPS, setting forth the terms and conditions of this commitment.

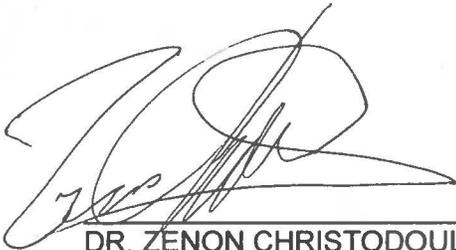
The effective date of this Order is February 25, 2026.

DATED: February 18, 2026

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
BY:



CHRISTINE GUHL-SADOVY
PRESIDENT

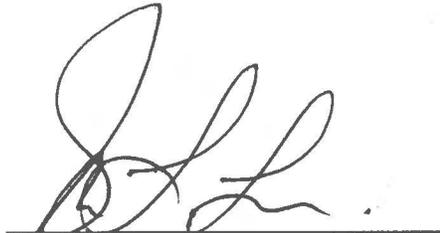


DR. ZENON CHRISTODOULOU
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MICHAEL BANGE
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ATTEST:



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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