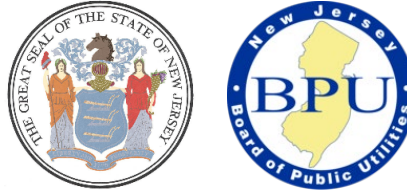


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NOTICE¹

IN THE MATTER OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF P.L. 2018, c.17 - ENERGY AND WATER BENCHMARKING OF COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

Docket No. [QO21071023](#)

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“NJBP” or “Board”) hereby gives notice and invites all interested parties and members of the public to participate in a virtual Stakeholder Meeting regarding the procedures for owners and operators of commercial buildings larger than 25,000 square feet that are located in New Jersey to meet their reporting and other obligations under the New Jersey Building Energy and Water Benchmarking Program (“Program”).

On May 23, 2018, Governor Phil Murphy signed the Clean Energy Act into law as L. 2018, c. 17 (“Clean Energy Act of 2018”). The Clean Energy Act of 2018 mandates the following:

No later than five years after the date of enactment of P.L.2018, c.17 (C.48:3-87.8 et al.), the board shall require the owner or operator of each commercial building over 25,000 square feet in the State to benchmark energy and water use for the prior calendar year using the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s Portfolio Manager tool.

The 2019 New Jersey Energy Master Plan (“EMP”) includes Goal 3.3.2, to “Establish transparent benchmarking and energy labeling,” which lists building energy use benchmarking as a critical component in promoting market-driven increases in energy efficiency. Benchmarking allows commercial building owners and operators to measure and analyze their respective facilities’ energy and water use and compare their performance to similar buildings. Owners and operators can then assess opportunities for performance improvements that reduce their respective building’s energy use and costs.

The Board approved the Program on September 7, 2022. The Board Order outlines the general procedures and requirements for this Program. More information is available at the Board’s [benchmarking website](#).

Two identical Stakeholder Meetings regarding energy and water benchmarking procedures and obligations under the Program will be held at the following dates and times, and in the following manner:

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STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

<p>DATE: December 13, 2022 TIME: 10:00 a.m. LOCATION: Zoom Virtual Webinar https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_J_GuGRSuSbSVi1FFyTLg9w</p> <p><u>If you would like to speak during this Stakeholder Meeting, you must register via this form:</u> https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_J_GuGRSuSbSVi1FFyTLg9w</p> <p>Or head to https://zoom.us/join and enter Webinar ID: 872 8815 7225</p> <p>Via telephone: 1 (646) 931-3860</p> <p>Webinar ID: 872 8815 7225</p>
<p>DATE: January 5, 2023 TIME: 3:00 p.m. LOCATION: Zoom Virtual Webinar https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_g_QjA9rIQ5Wo4iqRCW_ZUQ</p> <p><u>If you would like to speak during this Stakeholder Meeting, you must register via this form:</u> https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_g_QjA9rIQ5Wo4iqRCW_ZUQ</p> <p>Or head to https://zoom.us/join and enter Webinar ID: 834 7424 4330</p> <p>Via telephone: 1 (646) 931-3860 Webinar ID: 834 7424 4330</p>

Please note that the meetings will be conducted virtually, via Zoom. You must register for a meeting before attending via the link provided above at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled date. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the webinar, as well as system requirements.

If you want to reserve a speaking opportunity, please designate this during the online registration process. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting and information about checking your system requirements in advance of the meeting. We encourage stakeholders and members of the public to check their systems ahead of the meeting to ensure that they will properly connect.

Stakeholders and members of the public are invited to participate by utilizing the link or dial-in information set forth above and may express their views. In order to encourage full participation, please submit any

requests for needed accommodations, such as interpreters and/or listening assistance, 48 hours prior to the above meetings to the Board Secretary at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

These meetings will be recorded and the recordings will be made publicly available on the Board's [website](#).

Please submit any questions regarding this stakeholder process to energyefficiency@bpu.nj.gov and include the subject line "Building Energy and Water Benchmarking" as applicable.

Agenda Focus

Board Staff will present on the following topics: getting started, using EPA Portfolio Manager, obtaining utility data, and reporting.

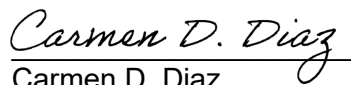
Comments

The Board is also accepting written and/or electric comments. All public comments should be filed under [Docket No. QO21071023](#). **The deadline for public comments is 5:00 p.m. EST on Monday, January 30, 2023.**

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 submittal of comments directly to the specific docket listed above, using the "Post Comments" button on the Board's [Public Document Search](#) tool. All comments are considered "public documents" for purposes of the State's Open Public Records Act. Commenters may identify any 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. Confidential information may also be submitted via email to the Acting Secretary of the Board.

Written comments may also be submitted to:

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Acting Secretary of the Board

Dated: November 28, 2022