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NOTICE¹

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In The Matter Of The Clean Energy Programs And Budget For Fiscal Year 2026 – True-Up, Revised Budgets and Program Changes

[Docket No. QO25040206](#)

[Informational Session and Request for Comments](#)

BACKGROUND AND PROPOSED BUDGET REVISIONS

The Fiscal Year 2026 (“FY26”) *New Jersey’s Clean Energy Program*[™] (“NJCEP”) Budget, approved through a June 30, 2025 Board Order ([Docket No. QO25040206](#)), was established, in part, based upon an estimate of expenses and commitments expected to be incurred during Fiscal Year 2025 (“FY25”). Once actual expenses and commitments become known, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“NJBPU”) typically approves a “True-Up Budget” truing-up for the differences between expenses and commitments estimated for budgetary purposes and the expenses and commitments actually incurred. Consistent with that practice, and now that all expenses actually incurred during FY25 and commitments existing as of June 30, 2025 are final and known, NJBPU Staff (“Staff”) has developed a proposed budget truing-up the differences between estimated expenses and commitments versus actual expenses and commitments, which results in an additional \$73,055,374 available for the NJCEP.

The February 4, 2014 Board Order (“Order”) (Docket No. EO13050376V) granted Staff delegated authority to make limited modifications to the NJCEP budget so long as certain conditions are met.² The Order allows for up to 10% of the Program budget to be reallocated within the Program during any 60-day period. Due to the time-sensitive nature of the below identified changes as they relate to program continuity, Staff-delegated authority will be utilized to transfer funds between these budget lines prior to the True-Up Budget being presented to the Board.

The Order requires Staff to provide a written notice to each Commissioner at least seven (7) days prior to implementing any budget revision, which notice Staff has provided for these proposed revisions. In addition, the Order requires that Staff shall post notice of such budget revision on the NJCEP website and circulate the Notice

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² [In re the Clean Energy Programs and Budget for Fiscal Year 2014; Revised Fiscal Year 2014 Budget and Delegation of Limited Budget Authority](#), BPU Docket No. EO13050376V, Order dated February 4, 2014.

to the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy stakeholder listservs, allowing at least seven (7) days for public comment before any budget revision is implemented.³ The issuance of this Notice satisfies such requirement.

The allocation of the additional funds identified through the True-Up, as well as the foregoing reallocation, is summarized below, including in the Proposed Revised FY26 Budget. Additionally, Staff is proposing revised Compliance Filings. These changes are collectively referred to as the “Proposal.”

Staff is requesting comments on the Proposal; the schedule and process for submitting comments is set forth at the end of this Request for Comments.

TRUE-UP CALCULATIONS

The following tables show the derivation of the \$73,055,374 true-up additional carryforward amount:

(In \$)

<i>FY25 Programs/Budget Line</i>	<i>FY25 Final Budget</i>	<i>FY25 Actual Expenses</i>	<i>FY25 Year End Board Approved and Committed Carryforward</i>	<i>FY25 Actual Expenses plus Year End Commitments</i>	<i>FY25 Budget Less Actual Expenses and Commitments</i>
Total NJCEP + State Initiatives	865,461,252	329,207,621	309,282,564	638,490,185	227,371,067
State Energy Initiatives	71,200,000	71,200,000	-	71,200,000	-
Total NJCEP	794,261,252	258,007,621	309,282,564	567,290,185	227,371,067
Energy Efficiency Programs	176,578,111	40,019,751	127,371,480	167,391,231	9,186,880
Distributed Energy Resources	152,249,782	4,935,462	9,849,825	14,785,287	137,464,496
RE Programs	23,270,069	6,769,484	3,141,523	9,911,006	13,359,063
Planning and Administration	70,637,275	31,304,551	15,589,391	46,493,942	24,143,333
BPU Initiatives	371,526,015	174,978,374	153,330,345	328,308,719	43,217,296

<i>FY25 Estimated Uncommitted Carryforward</i>	<i>FY25 Budget Less Actual Expenses and Commitments</i>	<i>Difference Between FY25 Estimated Uncommitted Carryforward and Actuals</i>	<i>Other Revenues (Interest Payments)</i>	<i>Additional FY25 Carryforward and Other Revenues</i>
192,515,423	227,371,067	34,855,645	38,199,729	73,055,374

³ *Id.* at Section D.1.-2 (“General Description of Authority and Limitations and Delegated Authority – Notice and Process for Budget Modifications”).

Budget Table

The following table shows the Original Budget (approved by the Board in June 2025), the allocation of the \$73,055,374 in additional carryforward from FY25, the proposed budget revisions, and the resulting Proposed Revised FY26 Budget:

Proposed FY26 True-Up Budget (In \$)

<i>FY26 Program/Budget Line</i>	<i>FY26 Initial Budget</i>	<i>Additional FY25 Carryforward and Other Revenues*</i>	<i>Line Item Transfers</i>	<i>Revised FY26 Budget</i>
Total NJCEP + State Initiatives	869,030,671	73,055,374	-	942,086,044
State Energy Initiatives	216,189,000	-	-	216,189,000
Total NJCEP	652,841,671	73,055,374	-	725,897,044
Energy Efficiency Programs	191,406,296	1,343,708	(14,586,849)	178,163,155
C&I EE Programs	67,463,790	1,343,708	(12,044,850)	56,762,647
C&I Buildings	60,390,071	(1,139,296)	(12,044,850)	47,205,925
LGEA	7,073,719	2,483,003	-	9,556,722
New Construction Programs	69,204,679	-	(2,479,373)	66,725,306
New Construction	69,204,679	-	(2,479,373)	66,725,306
State Facilities Initiative	54,675,202	-	-	54,675,202
Acoustical Testing Pilot	62,626	-	(62,626)	-
Distributed Energy Resources	25,923,043	1,567,115	(5,867,478)	21,622,681
CHP - FC	19,323,828	1,567,115	-	20,890,943
Microgrids	731,738	-	-	731,738
Energy Storage	5,867,478	-	(5,867,478)	-
Transmission-Scale	-	-	-	-
Distributed	5,867,478	-	(5,867,478)	-
RE Programs	7,372,116	2,498,911	(435,242)	9,435,785
Resource Adequacy	4,346,675	-	(435,242)	3,911,433
Solar Registration	3,025,441	2,498,911	-	5,524,352
Planning and Administration	70,407,798	67,645,640	40,213,714	178,267,153
BPU Program Administration	10,400,000	-	-	10,400,000
Marketing	7,000,000	-	-	7,000,000
CEP Website	1,423,000	-	-	1,423,000
Program Evaluation/Analysis	44,661,932	4,560,557	537,954	49,760,443
Residential Universal Bill Credit	-	63,007,542	39,715,846	102,723,388
Outreach and Education	6,779,961	77,541	(15,130)	6,842,372
Sustainable Jersey	1,429,980	-	(8)	1,429,972
NJIT Learning Center	1,056,864	-	(15,122)	1,041,741
Outreach, System Maintenance, Other (Program Administrator)	4,293,117	77,541	-	4,370,658
Memberships	142,906	-	(24,956)	117,950
BPU Initiatives	357,732,416	-	(19,324,145)	338,408,271
Clean Energy Affordability	133,802,216	-	(1,120,000)	132,682,216
Community Energy Grants	13,008,268	-	-	13,008,268
Urban Heat Island Mitigation Grants	5,000,000	-	-	5,000,000

Residential Low Income Improvements	65,931,023	-	-	65,931,023
<i>Comfort Partners</i>	<i>62,931,023</i>	-	-	<i>62,931,023</i>
<i>Whole House</i>	<i>3,000,000</i>	-	-	<i>3,000,000</i>
Residential Energy Assistance Payment	48,742,925	-	-	48,742,925
Clean Local Energy Advisory and Resource Fellows	1,120,000	-	(1,120,000)	-
Grid Modernization Efforts	15,000,000	-	(10,000,000)	5,000,000
Electric Vehicle Programs	207,930,200	-	(8,204,145)	199,726,055
Plug In EV Incentive Fund	80,873,200	-	-	80,873,200
CUNJ Administrative Fund	8,100,000	-	-	8,100,000
CUNJ Residential Charger Incentive	5,750,000	-	-	5,750,000
EV Studies, Pilots, and Administrative Support	1,500,000	-	(1,500,000)	-
Clean Fleet	29,157,000	-	(5,619,556)	23,537,444
Multi-Unit Dwellings (Chargers)	31,750,000	-	(10,603,409)	21,146,591
EV Tourism	19,800,000	-	9,518,820	29,318,820
Electric School Buses	15,000,000	-	-	15,000,000
School Bus V2G	4,000,000	-	-	4,000,000
MHD Depot	12,000,000	-	-	12,000,000
Workforce Development	1,000,000	-	-	1,000,000

*Other revenue includes interest earnings from the Clean Energy Fund.

**Numbers presented in the above three tables may not add up precisely to totals provided due to rounding.

***Due to the time-sensitive nature of these changes as they relate to program continuity, the figures in red text have been noted as Staff-approved budget changes.

PROPOSED BUDGET REVISIONS

Allocations and Rationale

Proposed Increases

Staff proposes to increase the budgets for the programs and initiatives below for the following amounts and reasons:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Reason(s)</u>	<u>Amount in \$</u>
LGEA	Budget adjusted to reflect new TRC contract rates. Additionally, projections for program applications increased.	2,483,003
CHP-FC	Budget adjusted to reflect new TRC contract rates. Additionally, projections for program participation increased after changes were made to eligibility.	1,567,115
Solar Registration	Budget adjusted to reflect new TRC contract rates. Projections for program participation increased based off more recent activity.	2,498,911

Program Evaluation/Analysis	Funding was reallocated within the budget to support priorities in Executive Order 1 (“EO-1”). Additional funding has been allocated for new program evaluation contracts.	5,636,466
Residential Universal Bill Credit (RUBC)	Funding reallocated to provide a universal bill credit to offset utility bill increases, in accordance with EO-1.	102,723,388
Outreach, System Maintenance, Other (Program Administrator)	Budget adjusted to reflect new TRC contract rates.	77,541
EV Tourism	Funding was previously approved by Staff through transfers to support awards for the waitlist of the EV Tourism Corridor program.	9,518,820

Proposed Deductions

Staff proposes to decrease the budgets for the programs below for the following amounts and reasons:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Reason(s)</u>	<u>Amount in \$</u>
C&I Buildings	Funding decreased based on migration of activity to the New Construction Program. Funding from LEUP that was not anticipated to be awarded this year was reallocated to RUBC.	25,228,996
New Construction	Funding that was not anticipated to be awarded this year was reallocated to RUBC.	2,479,373
Acoustical Testing Pilot	Funding is no longer needed and can be reallocated to other programs/initiatives.	62,626
Energy Storage - Distributed	Funding is no longer needed for this initiative, as it will be funded through another program line.	5,867,478
Resource Adequacy	Some funding will not be needed and can be reallocated to other programs/initiatives.	435,242
Sustainable Jersey	Some funding will not be needed and can be reallocated to other programs/initiatives.	8
NJIT Learning Center	Some funding will not be needed and can be reallocated to other programs/initiatives.	15,122
Memberships	This funding was anticipated to carryforward but was spent in FY25.	24,956
Grid Modernization Efforts	Some funding will not be needed and can be reallocated to RUBC.	10,000,000

Clean Local Energy Advisory and Resource Fellows	Funding will not be needed in FY26 and was redistributed to RUBC.	1,120,000
EV Studies, Pilots, and Administrative Support	Funding that was not anticipated to be spent in FY26 was redistributed to RUBC.	1,500,000
Clean Fleet	Some funding will not be needed and was approved by Staff to be reallocated to EV Tourism. Additional funding from cancelled grants will be redistributed to RUBC.	5,619,556
Multi-Unit Dwellings (Chargers)	Some funding will not be needed and was approved by Staff to be reallocated to EV Tourism. Additional funding that is not needed and funds from cancelled grants will be redistributed to RUBC.	10,603,409

Comfort Partners Program Budget Reallocation

The proposed changes to the Comfort Partners budget are meant to address the actual spending that has occurred during the current Fiscal Year. Some utilities and contractors have seen a higher demand for work than originally expected, causing a need to reallocate funding.

July 1st 2025 - June 30th 2026 CP Budget								
		Admin and Program Development	Sales, Marketing, Call Centers, Web Site	Training	Rebates, Grants and Other Direct Incentives	Rebate Processing, Inspections, Other QC	Evaluation & Research	Contractor Perf. Incentives
ACE	\$3,809,328.00	\$282,560.00	\$67,838.00	\$65,888.00	\$3,258,119.00	\$134,923.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
JCP&L	\$6,673,061.00	\$530,203.00	\$139,353.00	\$113,853.00	\$5,637,634.00	\$252,018.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PSE&G- Elec	\$10,652,582.00	\$888,648.00	\$326,208.00	\$275,208.00	\$8,810,405.00	\$352,113.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
RECO	\$408,400.00	\$70,584.00	\$15,584.00	\$15,584.00	\$279,208.00	\$27,440.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NJNG	\$7,648,665.00	\$286,249.00	\$152,249.00	\$145,582.00	\$6,812,440.00	\$252,145.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Elizabethtown	\$3,843,199.00	\$273,706.00	\$65,811.00	\$66,196.00	\$3,267,485.00	\$170,001.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PSE&G-Gas	\$24,856,025.00	\$2,073,512.00	\$761,152.00	\$642,152.00	\$20,557,612.00	\$821,597.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SJG	\$5,039,763.00	\$360,646.00	\$94,033.00	\$91,296.00	\$4,315,715.00	\$178,073.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$62,931,023.00	\$4,766,108.00	\$1,622,228.00	\$1,415,759.00	\$52,938,618.00	\$2,188,310.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PSE&G - Combined	\$35,508,607.00	\$2,962,160.00	\$1,087,360.00	\$917,360.00	\$29,368,017.00	\$1,173,710.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

July 1st 2025 - June 30th 2026 CP Budget (Proposed)								
		Admin and Program Development	Sales, Marketing, Call Centers, Web Site	Training	Rebates, Grants and Other Direct Incentives	Rebate Processing, Inspections, Other QC	Evaluation & Research	Contractor Perf. Incentives
ACE	\$3,814,278.00	\$282,560.00	\$67,838.00	\$65,888.00	\$3,258,119.00	\$139,873.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
JCP&L	\$6,801,036.00	\$532,403.00	\$141,553.00	\$116,053.00	\$5,747,634.00	\$263,393.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PSE&G- Elec	\$10,602,235.00	\$813,281.00	\$325,548.00	\$274,548.00	\$8,777,405.00	\$411,453.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
RECO	\$409,250.00	\$70,584.00	\$15,584.00	\$15,584.00	\$279,208.00	\$28,290.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NJNG	\$7,653,290.00	\$286,249.00	\$152,249.00	\$145,582.00	\$6,812,440.00	\$256,770.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Elizabethtown	\$3,869,398.00	\$293,705.00	\$65,811.00	\$66,196.00	\$3,267,485.00	\$176,201.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PSE&G-Gas	\$24,738,548.00	\$1,897,655.00	\$759,612.00	\$640,612.00	\$20,480,612.00	\$960,057.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SJG	\$5,042,988.00	\$360,646.00	\$94,033.00	\$91,296.00	\$4,315,715.00	\$181,298.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$62,931,023.00	\$4,537,083.00	\$1,622,228.00	\$1,415,759.00	\$52,938,618.00	\$2,417,335.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PSE&G - Combined	\$35,340,783.00	\$2,710,936.00	\$1,085,160.00	\$915,160.00	\$29,258,017.00	\$1,371,510.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

OTHER REVISED DOCUMENTS

The following draft documents, incorporating the changes discussed above, have been released along with this Request for Comments. All of the relevant documents can be found [here](#).

- Division of Clean Energy Compliance Filing
- Comfort Partners Program Compliance Filing
- Charge Up New Jersey Compliance Filing
- BPU and DPMC Designated Projects List
- Comprehensive Research Analysis (CRA) Compliance Filing
- TRC Compliance Filing
- SEP Compliance Filing

VIRTUAL INFORMATIONAL SESSION

Staff will be holding a virtual informational session on the proposed True-Up budget and proposed program revisions on **March 23, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. ET**. This is an informational session and there will be no opportunity for public comment.

This meeting will be conducted via a Zoom webinar. You must register for the meeting before attending by clicking the following registration link: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4ROwxdCDQs-6PemHpiHh-Q

PROCESS AND SCHEDULE FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS

The Board is also accepting written and/or electronic comments.

All public comments should be filed under [Docket No. QO25040206](#). The deadline for comments on this matter is **5 p.m. on April 1, 2026**. Comments may be submitted directly to the specific docket listed above using the “Post Comments” button on the Board’s [Public Document Search](#). Comments are considered public documents for purposes of the State’s Open Public Records Act. Only public documents should be submitted using the “Post Comments” button on the Board’s Public Document Search tool. Any confidential information should be submitted in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3. In addition to hard copy submissions, confidential information may also be filed electronically via the Board’s e-filing system or by email to the Secretary of the Board. Please include “Confidential Information” in the subject line of any email. Instructions for confidential e-filing are found on the Board’s webpage <https://www.nj.gov/bpu/agenda/efiling/>. Emailed and/or written comments may also be submitted to: board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov

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