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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING¹

IN THE MATTER OF COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE ANALYSIS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM

Docket No. QO25040205

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAMS AND BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026

Docket No. QO25040206

TAKE NOTICE that Staff of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Staff") hereby gives notice and invites all interested parties and members of the public to participate in a virtual public hearing to discuss the Fiscal Year 2026 ("FY26") Straw Proposal for New Jersey's Clean Energy Program ("NJCEP") Comprehensive Resource Analysis ("CRA") and the proposed FY26 program budgets and compliance filings, which Staff anticipates releasing the week of May 19, 2025. Through the CRA process, the NJCEP funding levels for energy efficiency and Class I renewable energy programs are established. The proposed funding level will fund the core NJCEP programs and provide opportunities for new and enhanced programs that help residents, businesses, and State and local governments reduce energy usage, save money, and improve the environment.

On May 23, 2018, Governor Murphy signed into law the Clean Energy Act (P.L. 2018, c.17 or "CEA"), which established ambitious goals for the State's energy future. Additionally, Governor Murphy signed Executive Order 28 ("EO 28"), which directed the Board to develop an Energy Master Plan ("EMP") to serve as a comprehensive blueprint to achieve 100% clean energy by 2050.2 With the adoption of Executive Orders 315 ("EO 315"), 316 ("EO 316"), and 317 ("EO 317"), the State has accelerated the goal to reach 100% by 2035.3 The FY26 NJCEP plans will ensure the NJBPU continues to play a critical role in helping the State meet the goals of the CEA and the EMP.

Once the FY26 CRA Straw Proposal and FY26 program budgets and compliance filings are released, they will be available at the following location: https://www.njcleanenergy.com/main/njcep-policy-updates-requestcomments/policy-updates-and-request-comments.

¹ Not a paid legal advertisement.

² Exec. Order No. 28 (May 23, 2018), 50 N.J.R. 1394(b) (June 18, 2018).

³ Exec. Order Nos. 315, 316, and 317 (Feb. 15, 2023), 55 N.J.R. 509(a)-11(a) (Mar. 20, 2023).

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, May 28, 2025

TIME: 10:00 a.m. ET LOCATION: Zoom Virtual Webinar

REGISTER: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZWmHTC7ETIKhqRMRK9Kovg

Please note that the public hearing will be conducted via Zoom. You must register for the public hearing prior to attending, using the link provided above. Stakeholders and members of the public are invited to participate 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 meeting to the Board Secretary at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov. If you want to reserve a speaking opportunity, please register at least 48 hours before the start of the meeting and indicate your request to speak during the online registration process. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the hearing and information about checking your system requirements in advance of the hearing. Please check access and devices in advance of the hearing to ensure that they will properly connect.

The deadline for comments on this matter is 5 p.m. on Friday, June 6, 2025.

Please submit comments directly to the specific docket listed above using the "Post Comments" button on the Board's <u>Public Document Search</u> tool. 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:

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Dated: May 7, 2025

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