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STAKEHOLDER MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF NEW JERSEY GRID MODERNIZATION / INTERCONNECTION **PROCESS**

Docket No. QO21010085

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("NJBPU" or "Board") hereby gives notice of a meeting added to the series of Grid Modernization public meetings ("Series") now in progress to collect stakeholder input on current distribution grid interconnection policies and process, and the development of potential improvements that will enable faster grid modernization and higher levels of distributed energy resource ("DER") absorption.

STAKEHOLDER MEETING

DATE: Friday, January 28, 2022 **TIME:** 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. EST LOCATION: GoToWebinar Virtual Meeting

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1026998156196526095

Please note this meeting will be conducted via virtual webinar. You must register for the meeting before attending via the link provided above. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information on how to join the webinar as well as system requirements. We encourage stakeholders to check their systems ahead of the meeting.

Background

This added meeting to the Series will open with presentations from a selected group of nonelectric distribution companies ("EDC") stakeholders with an interest in a more effective interconnection process in New Jersey. Discussion topics will cover technical, financial, and procedural issues regarding the current grid interconnection process. Staff is interested in presentations that cover a diversity of project size, technologies, and organization types. Staff envisions selecting approximately 6-7 presenters and will endeavor to ensure that various interests and a diversity of opinions, constituencies, and business models are represented.

Interested parties that wish to present on a particular topic can self-nominate by submitting an email on or before **January 12**, **2022** with the subject line "Request to be a Presenter on January" 28, 2022" to Paul.Heitmann@bpu.nj.gov, with the following information:

- 1. Name, title, and affiliation;
- 2. Your primary and secondary choice of topic, and
- 3. Short description (no more than a page) explaining why you should be selected for the panel.

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Selected presenters will be notified on approximately January 17, 2022 and will be instructed to submit final presentation materials no later than 48 hours in advance of the meeting. An agenda and list of presenters will be published on the <u>Grid Modernization website</u> in advance of the meeting.

The meeting format will be a sequence of the presentations, allowing 15-20 minutes for each presenter. There will also be an opportunity for clarifying questions after all presentations are completed, followed by a general comment period for stakeholders who requested during the registration process to speak at the meeting.

This online meeting, like all in the Series, will be recorded for later review. All presentations will be available at https://nicleanenergy.com/gridmod.

Comments

The deadline for comments on this matter is 5:00 p.m. EDT on April 29, 2022*. Members of the public may file written comments after any of the meetings regardless of whether they participate in the public meeting process. Please submit comments directly to the specific docket listed above using the "Post Comments" button on the Board's <u>Public Document Search tool</u>. Comments are considered "public documents" for purposes of the State's Open Public Records Act and any confidential information should be submitted in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3.

Written comments may also be submitted to:

Aida Camacho-Welch

Secretary of the Board 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor Post Office Box 350 Trenton, NJ 08625-0350

Email: board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov

Please direct all questions regarding the stakeholder process to:

Paul.Heitmann@bpu.nj.gov.

Staff looks forward to receiving and reviewing stakeholder comments. Thank you for your interest in the Grid Modernization process for New Jersey.

Aida Camacho-Welch Secretary of the Board

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Dated: January 4, 2022