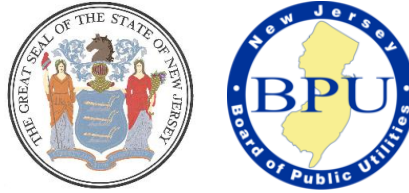


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NOTICE¹

IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHMENT OF A VIRTUAL POWER PLANT PROGRAM

Docket No. [QO26030099](#)

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., Staff of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“NJBP” or “Board”) hereby gives notice of a public stakeholder meeting to address matters pertaining to Governor Mikie Sherrill’s Executive Order 2 that the “BPU shall, within 180 days, commence the development of a ‘virtual power plant’ program in the State to be administered by electric distribution utilities and third-party suppliers to drive down peak demand by aggregating behind-the-meter distributed energy resources.”

This stakeholder meeting will discuss the Virtual Power Plant (“VPP”) Straw Proposal (“Straw”) attached to this notice.

The stakeholder meeting will cover several topics on which Board Staff seeks comments from members of the public and relevant stakeholders to inform development of New Jersey’s VPP Program. These topics include, but are not limited to:

- How to quickly establish a VPP Program utilizing existing utility demand response programs
- How to establish a long-term VPP tariff that appropriately compensates grid services for the value they bring to the grid
- Which other NJBP workstreams, programs and dockets should be coordinated with future VPP programs

Meeting details are as follows:

PUBLIC STAKEHOLDER MEETING

DATE: Thursday, July 30, 2026

TIME: 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

LOCATION: *In Person:* The Conference Center at Mercer County Community College
1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor Township, NJ 08550

Registration Required: Attendees who wish to attend in-person must [register by completing this form](#) by 5 p.m. ET on July 28, 2026.

Virtual: This meeting will also be livestreamed on the [NJBP YouTube Channel](#).

Board Staff hereby invites all interested parties and members of the public – especially third-party distributed energy resource (“DER”) aggregators; energy storage developers, owners, and operators; and the four Electric Distribution Companies (“EDC”): Atlantic City Electric, Jersey Central Power & Light, Public Service Electric & Gas, and Rockland Electric Company – to provide written responses to this Straw on the evaluation and development of New Jersey’s VPP Program.

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The Board is accepting written and/or electronic responses regarding this Straw. All public responses should be filed under Docket No. [QO26030099](#).

The deadline for comments on this matter is 5 p.m. ET on August 17, 2026. Please submit comments directly to the specific docket listed above using the "Post Comments" button on the Board's [Public Document Search](#) tool. 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:

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NJBPU Virtual Power Plant Stakeholder Kickoff Session

July 30, 2026, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

This session kicks off the NJBPU's Virtual Power Plant (VPP) Program proceeding. Attendees will hear from NJBPU leadership on topics related to this proceeding as well as industry experts to provide their perspective on VPPs in New Jersey and across the country. Attendees will then participate in facilitator-led discussion on VPPs.

Time	Title
8:30 a.m.	Arrival & Registration
9:00 a.m.	<u>Welcome & Opening Remarks</u> Overview of the workshop objectives, agenda, NJBPU's VPP work, and Executive Order #2
9:15 a.m.	<u>Existing New Jersey Utility Programs</u> Presentations on and moderated discussion with the state's investor-owned utilities on related, existing programs
10:45 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m.	<u>VPP Programs Across the US</u> Presentations and moderated discussion with practitioners about emerging best practices for VPP programs and learnings from programs in Colorado, New York, and Massachusetts
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m.	<u>Straw Proposal Overview</u> Presentation from NJBPU staff on the VPP Program straw proposal
2:00 p.m.	<u>Facilitated Discussion</u> Discussion with stakeholders to elicit perspectives on key elements of the VPP Program straw proposal
3:30 p.m.	<u>Public Comment</u> Open comment period for any comments missed during facilitated discussions*
3:45 p.m.	<u>Next Steps & Closing Remarks</u> NJBPU outlines next steps in the docket process
4:00 p.m.	Adjourn