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NOTICE[1]

IN THE MATTER OF A REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO L. 2026, c. 042

Docket No. QO26100661-

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 ("NJBPU" or "Board") hereby gives notice of a virtual stakeholder meeting to discuss the release of the draft New Jersey Nuclear Request for Expression of Interest ("EOI") Guidance Document ("EGD"). The document can be found here: https://cleanenergy.nj.gov/programs/advanced-nuclear/request-for-expressions-of-interest-for-new-advanced-nuclear-energy.

New Jersey is facing growing electricity demand at a time when new generation resources are not being added to the regional grid quickly enough to keep pace. The Legislature has found that these conditions are creating reliability concerns and contributing to higher wholesale capacity costs for New Jersey ratepayers. The Power NJ Act identifies advanced nuclear generation as a potential source of reliable, carbon-free, electricity that can support grid reliability, energy security, economic development, and the State's long-term energy needs.

Pursuant to L. 2026, c. 42, the Board, in consultation with the New Jersey Economic Development Authority and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, is establishing a program to promote the construction of affordable advanced nuclear energy projects in New Jersey. The program begins with a Request for Expressions of Interest ("RFEI"), in response to which prospective developers will provide information on proposed projects, including licensing and permitting pathways, project design and schedule, costs and financing, potential ratepayer impacts, workforce and supply chain considerations, community benefits, and environmental impacts. The Board will use this information to evaluate proposed projects for potential provisional qualification, followed by negotiation and final Board consideration.

NJBPU Staff is seeking stakeholder input on the draft EGD, which is intended to establish the process, requirements, and evaluation criteria for proposed projects.

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The stakeholder meeting will cover the topics listed below:

- Draft RFEI Process and Timeline
- Draft Required EOI Components
- Draft EOI Evaluation Criteria
- Questions

Board Staff seeks comments from members of the public and relevant stakeholders on the contents of the draft EGD and specifically, the following questions:

1. What additional information, if any, should respondents be required to provide in an EOI to enable the Board's meaningful evaluation of proposed projects?
2. What nominal discount rate and inflation rate assumptions, if any, should the EGD specify for respondents to use in preparing the Reliable Capacity Certificate ("RCC") price structure and schedule?
3. What criteria should be considered in determining whether the proposed project is reasonably likely to significantly contribute to meeting the State's energy reliability, resilience, and capacity needs, consistent with the State's clean energy goals?
4. How should the Board specify the alternative means of meeting the State's energy reliability and capacity needs over the term of the proposed RCC in determining whether a proposed project offers a relative net benefit?
5. What benefits are reasonable to consider in the analysis of whether a project would produce a net benefit to ratepayers?
6. Are there specific terms and conditions that should be included in a stipulation, in addition to those listed in the Power NJ Act and section 5 of the draft EGD?
7. Within the terms required to be specified in the stipulation, are there any minimum standards that should be required, for example with respect to reasonable wildlife protection measures, risk mitigation and safety planning, community outreach and public education, and/or ongoing reporting requirements?
8. Are there any assumptions or cost drivers that should be specified in the EGD to ensure that respondents are able to submit an accurate Class IV cost estimate and corresponding range of RCC values?
9. Are there specific elements of the stipulation framework (e.g., specific terms and conditions) that must be included in a Board Order granting provisional qualification to provide developer confidence to adequately progress development of project milestones?

To assist Staff in reviewing and organizing stakeholder feedback, commenters are encouraged to identify the specific question number they are responding to or section of the draft EGD they are commenting on.

NJBPU will hold a virtual stakeholder meeting as detailed at the top of this notice regarding the draft EGD. Registration information is available at the registration link below.

GENERAL STAKEHOLDER MEETING	
DATE:	**November 16, 2026**
TIME:	1:00PM Eastern Time to 3:00PM Eastern Time
LOCATION:	Zoom Virtual Webinar
REGISTER:	https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ekKTij9lSD2fMt4-dCJAsQ

Stakeholders and members of the public may participate after registering by utilizing the link or dial-in information set forth above and may express their views. To encourage full participation, please submit requests for accommodations, such as interpreters and/or listening assistance, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to the Secretary of the Board at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

This public stakeholder meeting is a structured public comment session and provides an opportunity for members of the public, industry stakeholders, developers, customers, and other interested parties to provide feedback on the proposed program design. The webinar is intended to be a listening session, and, as such, Board Staff will not engage in substantive dialogue during the session.

If you want to reserve a speaking opportunity (up to 3 minutes), speakers should request time during registration and may be asked to identify the subject of their comments in advance. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting and checking your system requirements in advance.

Questions on this stakeholder process may be directed to Advanced.Nuclear@bpu.nj.gov.

Stakeholders and members of the public are encouraged to submit comments. The deadline for comments on this matter is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on December 4, 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 ("OPRA"). Any confidential information should be submitted in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3. Confidential information must be filed electronically via the Board's e-filing system. 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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