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Aida Camacho-Welch, Secretary of the Board
Board of Public Utilities
44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor
Post Office Box 350
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350

Re: 2019 New Jersey State Energy Master Plan Comments

Dear Secretary Camacho-Welch:

TechNet is the national, bipartisan network of over 85 technology companies that promotes the growth of the innovation economy by advocating a targeted policy agenda at the federal and 50 state level. TechNet's diverse membership includes dynamic American businesses ranging from startups to the most iconic companies on the planet and represents more than three million employees in the fields of information technology, e-commerce, clean energy, telecommunications, gig economy, sharing economy, venture capital, and finance. TechNet is committed to advancing the public policies and private sector initiatives that make the U.S. the most innovative country in the world.

TechNet respectfully submits the following comments regarding the 2019 New Jersey State Energy Master Plan (EMP). TechNet supports technology neutral approaches to energy policy. As such TechNet strongly recommends that New Jersey reconsider its objective of 1500MW of Combined Heat and Power (CHP) in the EMP.

Technology companies are increasingly reliant on an un-interrupted supply of electricity. The new EMP should focus on distributed generation as a necessary measure to support the high tech economy of the future. While TechNet appreciates the EMPs desire to support CHP, it is problematic because many technology companies who operate critical facilities and need an un-interrupted power supply do not have the matching electric and thermal load necessary to support a CHP project. The new EMP should eliminate this technology selection and instead pursue technology neutral policies.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on these matters.

Sincerely,

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