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To: BPU Staff

Thank you for hosting stakeholder meetings on Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure.

I sit on the West Windsor Environmental Commission, am a Director of the Environmental Law Section of the New Jersey Bar, and submit these comments on my own behalf and with the perspective of a Commissioner/environmental practitioner and business owner of my own law office in West Windsor.

I will report on the EMP meeting to fellow Commission members and Bar section members.

1. Ensuring resiliency—building micro grid capabilities

Fear of power outages when the next storm comes is warranted—we just had a short power outage yesterday in my neighborhood due I believe to a downed tree. With the frequency of severe storms, it is only a matter of time when communities like ours will be hit again.

Does the EMP address the construction of micro grids so that communities like ours can have an islanded center in town for the sick and elderly that live among us? I know that our Township considered the adoption and construction of a micro grid within the last 12 months or so; I hope the EMP will circle back to communities like West Windsor to insure that micro grid capabilities are in place to the greatest extent feasible.

2. Electric vehicles—installation of charging stations

In addition, with the push for sale of electric vehicles, to what extent is construction of charging stations in communities across the State given priority in the EMP? With widespread “range anxiety” among potential purchasers, the installation of charging stations will allow consumers to see that the infrastructure is in place for electric vehicles.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments.

Sincerely,

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