

NOTICE TO JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY CUSTOMERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF L. 2018, C. 17 REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND PEAK DEMAND REDUCTION PROGRAMS

AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE VERIFIED PETITION OF JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF JCP&L’s ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PLAN INCLUDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND PEAK DEMAND REDUCTION PROGRAMS (JCP&L EE&C)

Notice of a Filing and Notice of Public Hearings

BPU Docket Nos. QO19010040 and EO20090620

TAKE NOTICE that, on September 25, 2020, Jersey Central Power & Light Company (“JCP&L” or “Company”) filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) seeking approval of the proposed JCP&L Energy Efficiency (“EE”) and Peak Demand Reduction (“PDR”) programs, including its associated cost recovery mechanisms (“JCP&L EE&C Plan” or “Plan”).

JCP&L seeks Board approval of its proposed JCP&L EE&C Plan for the three (3) year period starting July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024. The Plan consists of 10 EE programs and subprograms and one (1) PDR program, which are intended to provide EE, reduce peak demand and promote access to such measures for low-income communities. The Plan includes dedicated programs for residential, commercial and industrial, and multifamily customers. The Company is proposing a budget of \$230.1 million, consisting of \$187.5 million in investment and \$42.6 million in expenses for the JCP&L EE&C Plan over the three (3) year period covered by this filing. The Company submits that the JCP&L EE&C Plan will further the goal of achieving energy reduction as set forth in the Clean Energy Act of 2018 and the New Jersey 2019 Energy Master Plan, and complies with the requirements of the Board’s June 10, 2020 Order directing the Utilities to establish EE and PDR programs.

In conjunction with implementation of the Plan, JCP&L is seeking Board approval to recover in rates via proposed Tariff Riders, EE&C and Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (“LRAM”), the revenue increases associated with the capital investment costs, operation and maintenance expense, and lost revenues or revenue reductions associated with implementing the JCP&L EE&C Plan. The Company is seeking to set an initial rate for the Plan at this time, and also seeks authority to recover a return on and return of its investment through annual adjustments to these reconcilable clauses beginning on July 1, 2021 and continuing through approximately 2034. These approximate dates are being provided for informational purposes only and are not intended to prejudice any JCP&L request for recovery of Plan costs. The Company estimates that rate changes for electric rates effective July 1, 2021 would increase revenue collection by approximately \$18,695,588 million in the first Plan year. These rate changes are estimates and are subject to change.

The following illustrative chart shows the estimated monthly bill impacts (by cumulative dollars and percentages) to typical and class average customers based on a comparison of present and proposed rates at each rate adjustment date under JCP&L EE&C Plan and the approximate net effect on customers in various rate classes of the proposed increases in charges, including the EE&C and LRAM rates, although the actual effect on specific customers will vary according to the applicable rate schedule and level of the customer’s usage.

STATEMENT OF THE MONTHLY EFFECT OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN RIDER EE&C CHARGES AS COMPARED TO THE RATES IN EFFECT AS OF JANUARY 1, 2021

Summary of Bill Impact				
		<u>Proposed Cumulative Monthly Increase (Overall Class Average per Customer/Fixture)</u>		
	Current			
	Monthly	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Effective Date:	Bill	7/1/2021	7/1/2022	7/1/2023
Rate Class				
Residential (RS)	\$ 107.66	\$ 1.25	\$ 1.53	\$ 2.06
Residential Time of Day (RT)	\$ 139.04	\$ 1.72	\$ 2.09	\$ 2.82
General Service - Secondary (GS)	\$ 578.53	\$ 4.40	\$ 6.90	\$ 10.23
General Service - Secondary Time of Day (GST)	\$ 28,042.52	\$ 167.20	\$ 274.21	\$ 528.36
General Service - Primary (GP)	\$ 33,040.92	\$ 214.85	\$ 352.36	\$ 678.94
General Service - Transmission (GT)	\$ 84,929.51	\$ 727.37	\$ 1,192.89	\$ 2,298.50
Lighting (Average Per Fixture)	\$ 10.43	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.10

		Proposed Cumulative Monthly Increase in %		
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Effective Date:		7/1/2021	7/1/2022	7/1/2023
Rate Class				
Residential (RS)		1.17%	1.41%	1.90%
Residential Time of Day (RT)		1.24%	1.50%	2.02%
General Service - Secondary (GS)		0.76%	1.19%	1.76%
General Service - Secondary Time of Day (GST)		0.60%	0.98%	1.87%
General Service - Primary (GP)		0.65%	1.07%	2.05%
General Service - Transmission (GT)		0.86%	1.40%	2.68%
Lighting (Average Per Fixture)		0.43%	0.67%	1.00%

The percentage increases noted above are based on rates in effect on January 1, 2021, including applicable Basic Generation Service (“BGS”) charges and assuming customers receive commodity service from JCP&L. They are also based on current projections that assume full implementation of the Plan as proposed. It is anticipated that the Company will make annual filings each year of the Plan to request the Board’s approval to implement that Program Year’s revenue requests. The annual rate impact of the program for a typical residential customer using 9,212 kWhs per year is expected to average \$0.69 per year or .65% over the July 2021 through June 2024 period, and is expected to peak at a \$2.06 increase in June 2024 compared to current bills. The Board’s decision in this matter regarding the JCP&L EE&C Plan and its decisions on those annual filings may change the dollars and percentage impacts as shown above. Any assistance required by customers with regard to the bill impacts will be furnished by the Company upon request.

Any rate adjustments with resulting bill impacts found by the Board to be just and reasonable as a result of the Company’s filing may be modified and/or allocated by the Board in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and for other legally sufficient reasons to any class or classes of customers of the Company or any rate or schedule. Therefore, the described impacts may change based upon the Board’s decisions.

Subject to any applicable restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, copies of the petition and supporting documents will be made available for inspection on the Company’s website at: https://www.firstenergycorp.com/jersey_central_power_light/regulatory.html.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a telephonic public hearing will be conducted the following date and times so that members of the public may present their views on the company’s filing:

Date: February 25, 2021
Times: 1:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.
Telephone Number.: 877-332-6631
Access Code: 2853961#

A hearing officer designated by the Board will preside over the telephonic public hearing. Representatives of the Company, Board Staff, and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel will also participate via phone in the telephonic public hearing. Members of the public are invited to call in and present their views for this matter. If you elect to attend or participate in the telephonic public hearing, please dial the “Telephone Number” above. When prompted, enter the “Access Code” listed above.

Such comments will be made part of the final record of this proceeding to be considered by the Board. In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, such as interpreters or listening devices 48 hours prior to the above hearing to the Board Secretary at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov. The Board will also accept email/written comments. Members of the public may file comments with the Board Secretary, whether via email in pdf or Word format to board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov or through the Board’s External Access Portal after obtaining a MyNewJersey Portal ID. Once an account is established, you will need an authorization code, which can be obtained upon request by emailing the Board’s IT Helpdesk at BPUITHELPPDESK@bpu.nj.gov. Detailed instructions for e-filing can be found on the Board’s home page at <https://www.nj.gov/bpu/agenda/efiling>. Written comments may also be submitted to the Board Secretary, Aida Camacho, at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor, Trenton, P.O. Box 350, New Jersey 08625-0350. All comments should include the name of the petition and the docket number. While all comments are given equal consideration and will be made part of the final record of the proceeding, the recommended method for submission of comments is via email or the portal to ensure timely receipt while the Board continues to work remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Hearings will continue, if necessary, on such additional dates and times as the Board may designate, to ensure that all interested persons are heard.