

Holt: Power Company Storm Performance Still Unacceptable

Freeholder Director Matt Holt stated, “On March 3rd I called JCPL’s long delays in response to power outages that left more than 50% of the residents of Hunterdon County without power unacceptable and, as we obtain more information, I stand by that assessment today.

We all recognize the first storm with incredibly high winds created significant challenges for the company and the following blizzard hindered repair efforts. However, there were numerous company communications failures to residents and local government officials, misreports of completed repairs, and reports of out of state crews unable to take action, while waiting for company direction.”

As I stated at the March 6 Board meeting, we need to convene a meeting of representatives from our municipalities and the County with JCP&L to do a deep dive post mortem on these events.

I believe all officials in Hunterdon County want to know that the power company is learning from its mistakes and is planning solutions to ensure that they are better prepared for the next storm of major proportions. Because, as we all know, there will be another one sometime in the future.”