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NOTICE¹

New Jersey Energy Efficiency Transition

Staff Stakeholder Notice ("Stakeholder Notice"): **Energy Efficiency Stakeholder Meeting - Programs**

Pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act," N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("NJBP") hereby gives notice of a Public Stakeholder Meeting to discuss the New Jersey Energy Efficiency Transition.

NJBP Staff is continuing efforts to engage with stakeholders. As previously noticed, staff intends to hold several issue-specific public stakeholder sessions related to energy efficiency. This is the second meeting in this series and will focus on comments concerning the portfolio of energy efficiency and peak demand programs. This discussion may include: the types of programs needed in order to achieve the required energy reductions in the Clean Energy Act, as well as market barriers, program flexibility, and program availability statewide.

Additional information will be provided, in advance of the meeting, to facilitate robust engagement.

The meeting will be held at the following date, time, and place:

Date: Wednesday, October 30, 2019
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Location: Trenton War Memorial
Washington Room
1 Memorial Drive
Trenton, NJ 08608

Background

On May 23, 2018, Governor Phil Murphy signed into law P.L. 2018, c. 16 (C.48:3-87.3-87.7) ("Act"). N.J.S.A. 48:3-87.9 requires public utilities in the state to reduce the use of electricity and natural gas in their service territories. Specifically, the Act states that, by May 23, 2019, the Board shall require (a) each electric public utility to achieve, within its territory by its customers, annual reductions of 2 percent of the average annual electricity usage in the prior three years within five years of implementation of its electric energy efficiency program; and (b) each natural gas public utility to achieve, within its territory by its customers, annual reductions in the use of

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natural gas of 0.75 percent of the average annual natural gas usage in the prior three years within five years of implementation of its gas energy efficiency program. N.J.S.A. 48:3- 87.9(a).

In addition, the law requires that:

f. (1) The board shall establish a stakeholder process to evaluate the economically achievable energy efficiency and peak demand reduction requirements, rate adjustments, quantitative performance indicators, and the process for evaluating, measuring, and verifying energy usage reductions and peak demand reductions by the public utilities." N.J.S.A. 48:3-87.9(f).

The Board solicited input related to energy efficiency and peak demand program administration at a Public Meeting on September 25, 2019 and invited stakeholders to provide written comments on that topic by Friday, October 4, 2019.

Next Steps

NJBPU Staff hereby announces this October 30 public stakeholder meeting, which continues stakeholder engagement on the energy efficiency transition. Discussions at the meeting may include the portfolio of new and existing State and utility-run programs and delivery that will assist in meeting the goals of the Clean Energy Act and attaining the required energy reductions. Discussions will also include market barriers, program flexibility, and program availability statewide.

Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting and present their views. Please note that this public stakeholder meeting is limited to comments concerning energy efficiency and peak demand reduction programs, the types of programs needed in order to achieve the Clean Energy Act-required energy reductions, market barriers, program flexibility, and consistency in New Jersey's next generation of energy efficiency and peak demand programs.

In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations for disabled citizens to the Office of the Secretary of the Board at (609) 777-3300 at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Members of the public may file written comments with the Secretary of the Board of Public Utilities at 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor, Post Office Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350 Attn: Aida Camacho-Welch, regardless of whether they attend the public meetings. Written comments may also be submitted electronically to EnergyEfficiency@bpu.nj.gov in PDF or Word format. Please include a subject line of "Programs." **All comments must be received on or before Wednesday, November 6, 2019.**



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