

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

### NOTICE OF PETITION FOR A DETERMINATION THAT THE MONMOUTH COUNTY RELIABILITY PROJECT IS REASONABLY NECESSARY FOR THE SERVICE, CONVENIENCE OR WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING THEREON

**TO OUR CUSTOMERS:** On August 9, 2016, Jersey Central Power & Light Company ("JCP&L" or the "Company") filed a Verified Petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (the "Board") under BPU Docket No. E016080750 and OAL Docket No. PUC 12098-2016N, together with supporting attachments.

The Verified Petition seeks approval of the Monmouth County Reliability Project, which involves the construction of a new 230 kV transmission line between New Jersey Transit's ("NJT") existing Aberdeen substation, located in Aberdeen Township, and NJT's existing Red Bank substation, located in Red Bank, both located in Monmouth County, New Jersey, along with associated upgrades to JCP&L's Taylor Lane substation, located in Middletown, New Jersey (the "Project"). The Project is necessary to address reliability issues that have been identified by JCP&L and PJM Interconnection, LLC ("PJM"). Construction and energization of the Project will enhance the reliability and redundancy of JCP&L's transmission and distribution system in Monmouth County.

The Preferred Route for the Project begins at the NJT Aberdeen substation located in Aberdeen Township, New Jersey, and heads in a general east-southeast direction along the NJT North Jersey Coast Line, generally within the NJT railroad right-of-way ("ROW"). Approximately 0.2 miles east-southeast from the NJT Aberdeen substation, the Project crosses Lloyd Road, leaving Aberdeen Township and entering Hazlet Township, and continues for approximately 0.78 miles, crossing the Garden State Parkway and Beers Street. Continuing in an east-southeast direction, the Project proceeds approximately 0.38 miles and crosses Holmdel Road and approximately 0.2 miles after crossing Holmdel Road, the Project then crosses Hazlet Avenue continuing in an east-southeast direction. Approximately 0.39 miles after the intersection with Hazlet Road, the Project crosses Bethany Road, entering Holmdel Township, and proceeds 1.24 miles, crossing Centerville Road and then continues another 0.15 miles in southeast direction crossing Laurel Avenue, entering Middletown Township, approximately 0.66 miles thereafter.

Approximately 0.31 miles after the intersection with Laurel Avenue, the Project will turn north and proceed approximately 0.20 miles and will loop into and out of JCP&L's Taylor Lane Substation. Approximately 0.97 miles from the loop to Taylor Lane Substation, the Project continues in southeast and crosses Red Hill Road. From this point, approximately 0.21 miles after Red Hill Road, the Project heads in a south-southeast direction and crossing Church Street approximately 0.18 miles thereafter. Approximately 1.36 miles after the Church Street crossing, and continuing in a south-southeast direction, the Project crosses Normandy Road and proceeds 0.28 miles crossing Oak Hill Road. From this point, the Project continues approximately 1.24 miles, crossing Navesink River Road, entering Red Bank Borough, and continues south-southeast, for approximately

0.60 miles crossing the Navesink River and West Front Street. The project continues approximately 0.52 miles through the Borough of Red Bank crossing Shrewsbury Avenue, Bridge Avenue, Monmouth Street, Oakland Street, Chestnut Street and terminates at the NJT Red Bank Substation.

Copies of the Verified Petition, together with supporting attachments, are available for inspection at the Company's regional headquarters at 300 Madison Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07962 and 331 Newman Springs Road, Building 3, Red Bank, New Jersey 07701, and at the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350. A copy of the Verified Petition and attachments is also posted on the Company's website at:

<https://www.firstenergycorp.com/content/dam/customer/OpCoHome/files/JCPLRegulatory/mcrp-project/08-09-2016%20-%20MCRC-Transmittal%20Ltr-Petition-Testimony-COMplete.pdf>

Notice of this filing, including a copy of the filing and all pre-filed testimony, has been served on the Clerk of the Township of Aberdeen, the Clerk of the Township of Hazlet, the Clerk of the Township of Holmdel, the Clerk of the Township of Middletown, the Clerk of the Borough of Red Bank, the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Monmouth, the Monmouth County Administrator, the Department of Law & Public Safety, Division of Law, and on the Director of the Division of Rate Counsel. In addition, a notice of the filing has also been served on all property owners within 200 feet of the Preferred Route of the Project.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Office of Administrative Law has scheduled a public hearing on the Verified Petition under BPU Docket No. E016080750 and OAL Docket No. PUC 12098-2016N, at the following time and place:

January 25, 2017  
7:00 P.M.  
Middletown High School North  
63 Tindall Road  
Middletown, NJ 07748

Members of the public will have an opportunity to be heard and/or to submit written comments or statements at the public hearing if they wish to do so. Persons requiring special accommodations because of disability should contact the Clerk of the Office of Administrative Law at (973) 648-7143 at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled hearing so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Written comments or statements may also be submitted directly to the Clerk of the Office of Administrative Law, 33 Washington Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

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