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Re: Integrated Energy Plan

Dear Energy Master Plan Committee:

On June 10, 2019, the Energy Master Plan (“EMP”) Committee issued a Draft EMP to stakeholders announcing that the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“BPU” or “Board”) was concurrently developing an Integrated Energy Plan (“IEP”) Study that will identify the most strategic and least-cost pathways to achieve New Jersey’s 2050 goals of 100% clean energy and 80% emissions reductions.¹ On November 1, 2019, the BPU held a webinar summarizing the findings of the IEP. The BPU requested written comments by November 15, 2019, regarding the findings discussed at the webinar. Jersey Central Power & Light Company (“JCP&L” or the “Company”) is pleased to submit the below comments.

One of the high-level findings discussed at the November 1, 2019, webinar is that electrification will play a key role in New Jersey achieving its commitment of 100% clean energy and 80% emissions reductions by 2050. New Jersey’s clean energy goals are ambitious, and JCP&L agrees with the finding that electrification will need to play a significant role in order for New Jersey to reach its commitments addressed in the Draft EMP.² Given that electrification will play a significant role in meeting those commitments, the state electric distribution companies (“EDCs”) will also play a crucial role assisting the State in achieving its goals. Mass electrification will add significant additional load to the transmission and distribution grids. Thus, it will require additional investment in new infrastructure, replacement of aging infrastructure, and deployment of new technologies and smart infrastructure to ensure that these goals can be achieved in an efficient, safe, reliable and resilient manner. JCP&L looks forward to serving as a partner and resource to the Murphy Administration and the Board as they work towards a cleaner, smarter and more resilient system for the provision of energy to the State.

Best regards,

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¹ Draft EMP at 12.

² Draft EMP at 9.