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NJBPU Joins 6th Annual National Infrastructure Week

TRENTON, NJ– Today, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBP) announced its participation in Infrastructure Week, a national advocacy and educational event which will take place from May 14-21, 2018. During this week, hundreds of businesses, labor organizations, elected officials and more come together across the county and spread the message about the need for hardening critical infrastructure.

New Jersey relies on critical infrastructure, which includes roads, transit systems, ports, airports, and much more. Utilities specifically rely heavily on pipes, water systems, power supply, gas distribution systems, and other critical infrastructure to ensure the delivery of safe and reliable services to New Jersey residents.

“The BPU has been focused on strengthening and improving the infrastructure and resiliency of our utilities,” said NJBP President Joseph L. Fiordaliso. “Not only do these upgrades improve resiliency, but they also result in lower operating costs, which means lower costs for ratepayers.”

Since Hurricane Sandy, the Board has approved over \$3 billion dollars for programs and projects to improve the resiliency of utility infrastructure systems and to upgrade the distribution infrastructure systems for gas and electric.

Some of these projects have included the development of microgrids and the continuation of Energy Resilience Banks (ERB) for critical facilities in order to enhance energy resilience across New Jersey.

Currently, the BPU is working with 8 municipalities, 4 counties, and 1 state agency to evaluate the feasibility of developing Town Center Distributed Energy Resource (DER) Microgrids that would include solar, storage, and combined heat and power technologies. These technologies can operate 24/7 under both blue sky and emergency conditions such as Hurricane Sandy.

Infrastructure Week is organized nationally by its steering committee, which includes the nation’s largest business, labor, and thought-leadership organizations, and it is joined by more than 300 affiliates – ranging from the builders/operators to the users of infrastructure – around the country.

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More information about Infrastructure Week can be found here: <http://infrastructureweek.org/>

About the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU)

The NJBPU is a state agency and regulatory authority mandated to ensure safe, adequate and proper utility services at reasonable rates for New Jersey customers. Critical services regulated by the NJBPU include natural gas, electricity, water, wastewater, telecommunications and cable television. The Board has general oversight and responsibility for monitoring utility service, responding to consumer complaints, and investigating utility accidents.

To find out more about the NJBPU, visit our web site at www.nj.gov/bpu.

About the New Jersey Clean Energy Program (NJCEP)

NJCEP, established on January 22, 2003, in accordance with the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act (EDECA), provides financial and other incentives to the State's residential customers, businesses and schools that install high-efficiency or renewable energy technologies, thereby reducing energy usage, lowering customers' energy bills and reducing environmental impacts. The program is authorized and overseen by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU), and its website is www.NJCleanEnergy.com.