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CLEAN ENERGY

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor Post Office Box 350 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350

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IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING APPLICATIONS)	ORDER
AND AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS)	
AND AMENDING THE CLEAN FLEET ELECTRIC)	
VEHICLE INCENTIVE PROGRAM)	
)	DOCKET NO. QO20010035

Parties of Record:

Stefanie A. Brand, Esq., Director, Division of Rate Counsel Pat Monaco, Township Administrator, Bernards Township Thomas Tucci, Township Manager, Cedar Grove Township John Ranieri, Councilman, Borough of Runnemede Jesse Moehlman, Administrative Analyst, Township of Millburn Art Bruhn, Councilman, Borough of Morris Plains Maureen Sturgeon, Senior Engineer, Franklin Township

BY THE BOARD:

By this Order, the Board of Public Utilities ("Board" or "BPU") considers the New Jersey Division of Clean Energy ("Staff") recommendation to approve the following applications submitted to the Clean Fleet Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (the "Program").

- Bernards Township for \$9,500;
- Borough of Runnemede for \$5,500;
- Cedar Grove Township for \$5,500,
- Township of Millburn for \$5,500;
- Borough of Morris Plains for \$1,500; and
- Franklin Township for \$1,500.

Staff seeks Board approval for the applications listed above, and authorization for Staff to disburse the grants associated with these applicants in accordance with BPU procedures.

Additionally, Staff seeks Board approval to amend the Program to include State Government entities, consistent with N.J.S.A. 48:3-51 and N.J.A.C. 14:8-1.2, as eligible entities to apply to the incentive program. Staff is also requesting the ability to approve and disburse funds for the Clean Fleet Electric Vehicle Incentive Program through June 30, 2020.

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BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On April 18, 2019, in In the Matter of the State Energy Program for Program Year July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020 (Docket No.Q019030306), the Board considered and approved BPU Staff's recommendation to allocate \$200,000 to the BPU Clean Energy Budget for the development and implementation of an electric vehicle ("EV") incentive program. In addition to the \$200,000 from the United States Department of Energy ("USDOE"), \$10,000 was added from the remaining funds from the Compressed Natural Gas Vehicle Program. Consequently, there was a total amount of \$210,000 for an electric vehicle incentive program. The funding from the USDOE needs to be committed and expended by June 30, 2020.

In accordance with the Board's Order (April 18, 2019 - Docket No. Q019030306) directing Staff to develop an EV and associated charging infrastructure program, the Program was created to support the adoption of battery electric vehicles by local government authorities. The Program opened on December 1, 2019 and has begun to receive applications. The Program is aided by the addition of EVs to the New Jersey State Purchasing Contract under Award T0099. The intent of the Program is to give local government authorities the ability to purchase EVs at the State Purchasing Contract price, while also receiving support from the BPU, providing local government authorities the opportunity to become leaders in the EV sphere and expand charging infrastructure accessibility for their residents. The maximum that each applicant is able to apply for is two eligible battery electric vehicles and one dual-port level-two EV charging station. The incentive program would award grants as follows:

- \$1,500 toward the purchase of one dual-port level-two charging station; and/or
- \$4,000 toward the purchase of each battery electric vehicle (maximum of two).

Staff seeks Board approval to amend the Program to include State Government entities as eligible entities to apply to the incentive program.

Staff is also requesting authorization to approve and disburse funds for the Clean Fleet Electric Vehicle Incentive Program through June 30, 2020, without the need for additional approval to disburse incentives to eligible applicants.

The Board <u>HEREBY FINDS</u> that the applications submitted to the Program are eligible to receive funding. Based upon the foregoing recommendations of Staff, the Board <u>HEREBY APPROVES</u> these applications to the Program and <u>HEREBY DIRECTS</u> Staff to disburse funding from the Program budget in accordance with BPU procedures.

The Board <u>HEREBY FINDS</u> that amending the Program to include State Government entities as eligible entities is reasonable and consistent with the goals of the Program.

The Board <u>HEREBY AUTHORIZES</u> that staff now has the ability to approve and disburse funds for the Program through June 30, 2020.

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This Order shall be effective March 19, 2020.

DATED: 3/9/20

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

BY:

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PRESIDENT

COMMISSIONER

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ROBERT M. GORDON **COMMISSIONER**

ATTEST:

SECRETARY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the origina: in the files of the Board of Public Utilities.

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IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING APPLICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS AND AMENDING THE CLEAN FLEET ELECTRIC VEHICLE INCENTIVE PROGRAM - DOCKET NO. QO20010035

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