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## **BPU and Hoboken to Highlight Feasibility Study for Proposed Town Center Microgrid**

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (Board) President Richard S. Mroz and Hoboken Mayor Dawn Zimmer will hold a press conference on Wednesday, October 18, at 1:00 p.m., to highlight the Board's approval to fund a feasibility study for a proposed Town Center microgrid in Hoboken. The event will take place on the front steps of Hoboken City Hall.

The Board recently approved \$2 million in NJCEP funding for 13 applications for Town Center Microgrid Feasibility Studies across the state. Hoboken's proposal includes critical facilities such as police and fire stations, borough hall, two senior centers, a grocery, pharmacies, and multi-family housing. The Board approved \$157,000 in funding for Hoboken's feasibility study, which is expected to be completed in approximately one year.

**WHAT:** The Press Conference will highlight the program developed to provide incentives for local and state government agencies, such as Hoboken, to investigate the feasibility of building Town Center microgrids.

Microgrids are mini grids powered by onsite distributed generation that provide electric, heat, and cooling to critical facilities such as hospitals, public safety headquarters, town halls, schools, and other buildings that can serve as emergency shelters during a crisis, which are located in a small geographic area. These smaller grids, operating on their own, "islanded" from the main power grid, can separate and protect themselves from any problems with the main grid and keep vital services in place.

Microgrid technology is an innovative example of the Christie Administration's commitment to its Energy Master Plan policies aimed at improving energy resiliency. The City of Hoboken filed an application for a Feasibility Study to examine the potential of connecting the critical facilities that include Hoboken Fire Company 3, Police Headquarters, City Hall, the Hoboken Homeless Shelter, St. Matthews Church, as well as St. Peter and Paul Church, Kings Grocery, municipal garages B, D & G, multiple senior housing facilities, the YMCA, two local

pharmacies, three Hoboken Housing Authority Properties (Andrew Jackson Gardens, Harrison Gardens, Adams and Monroe Gardens) and pump stations. The applicant will evaluate most commercially-viable technologies, including but not limited to Distributed Energy Resources, energy storage systems, solar, combined heat and power (“CHP”), thermal loops, and biodiesel fueled generators.

**SPEAKERS:**

Dawn Zimmer, Mayor of Hoboken  
Richard S. Mroz, President, NJBPU  
Rima Oueid, U.S. Department of Energy

**WHEN:** Wednesday, October 18, at 1:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Hoboken City Hall  
94 Washington Street  
Hoboken, NJ 07030