

# NOTICE TO JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY CUSTOMERS

## IN THE MATTER OF THE VERIFIED PETITION OF JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) PROGRAM (JCP&L AMI)

### Notice of a Filing and Notice of Public Hearings BPU Docket No. EO20080545

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that, on August 27, 2020, Jersey Central Power & Light Company (“JCP&L” or “Company”) filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board” or “BPU”) in BPU Docket No. EO20080545 seeking the Board’s approval of the JCP&L Advanced Metering Infrastructure Program (“JCP&L AMI Program”) throughout its service territory, including an associated cost recovery mechanism.

JCP&L seeks Board approval to install approximately 1.1 million (99%) advanced meters and related infrastructure over a three (3)-year period commencing on January 1, 2023 and ending in December 2025 (“Deployment Phase”). During the Deployment Phase, JCP&L intends to integrate the AMI system with an Advanced Distribution Management System. The Deployment Phase will be followed by a two-year post-deployment period (the “Final Engineering Phase”) where the Company will install approximately 1% of the remaining advanced meters. The Company also proposes to commence a Pre-Deployment Phase on January 1, 2022 to make necessary preparations for successful deployment of the JCP&L AMI Program.

The Company estimates that through the first 20 years, the JCP&L AMI Program costs would be \$733 million, with \$506 million in capital costs and

\$227 million in operations and maintenance (“O&M”) costs. During the Pre-Deployment and Deployment Phases, JCP&L estimates expenditures of approximately \$418 million, consisting of capital investment of approximately \$342 million and O&M costs of approximately \$76 million.

The Company proposes to recover JCP&L AMI Program costs through a new Rider AMI to its Tariff. JCP&L proposes that the costs recovered in Rider AMI would include return on net investment, plus depreciation expense, O&M, amortization of stranded meter costs and cost of removal. JCP&L proposes to recover the revenue requirement associated with the JCP&L AMI Program through annual recovery filings to adjust Rider AMI.

The Company estimates that the JCP&L AMI Program will have a maximum incremental monthly bill impact on residential customers over the entire deployment period of approximately \$1.32, or 1.2% of the current average monthly bill. Based upon projected revenue requirements, the initial bill impact of the proposed initial rates for the initial rate period to the typical residential customer who uses 768 kWh per month is an increase of 0.6% or approximately \$0.65 per month above rates effective February 1, 2021. The actual costs on specific customers will vary according to the applicable rate schedule and the level of the customer’s usage.

### STATEMENT OF THE MONTHLY EFFECT OF PROPOSED RIDER AMI CHARGES AS COMPARED TO RATES IN EFFECT AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2021

#### Proposed Class Average Incremental Monthly Bill Increase

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
	Monthly (\$)	Monthly (\$)	Monthly (\$)	Monthly (\$)	Monthly (\$)	Monthly (\$)	Monthly (\$)
RS	\$108.94	\$0.65	\$0.94	\$1.32	\$1.05	(\$0.03)	(\$0.24)
RT/RGT	\$145.80	\$1.06	\$1.51	\$2.15	\$1.69	(\$0.04)	(\$0.39)
GS	\$585.95	\$3.24	\$4.61	\$6.58	\$5.17	(\$0.13)	(\$1.18)
GST	\$28,456.49	\$147.85	\$210.03	\$300.13	\$235.55	(\$5.78)	(\$53.65)
GP	\$32,968.61	\$148.13	\$210.44	\$300.70	\$236.01	(\$5.80)	(\$53.75)
GT	\$85,242.68	\$244.92	\$347.92	\$497.17	\$390.18	(\$9.58)	(\$88.88)

The increases noted above are based on rates in effect as of February 1, 2021 including applicable Basic Generation Service charges and assuming customers receive commodity service from JCP&L. They are also based upon current projections that assume full implementation of the Program Year’s revenue requests. The Board’s decision in this matter regarding the JCP&L AMI Program and its decisions on those annual filings may increase or decrease the dollars and percentage impacts as shown above. Any assistance required by customers with regard to the bill impacts will be furnished by the Company upon request.

Any rate adjustments with resulting bill impacts found by the Board to be just and reasonable as a result of the Company’s filing may be modified and/or allocated by the Board in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and for other legally sufficient reasons to any class or classes of customers of the Company or any rate or schedule. Therefore, the described impacts may change based upon the Board’s decisions.

A copy of the Notice of Filing and Public Hearings on the petition is being served upon the clerk, executive, or administrator of each municipality and county within the Company’s service territory. The petition and this Notice have also been sent to the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel, who will represent the interests of all JCP&L customers in this proceeding. Subject to any applicable restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, copies of the petition and supporting documents will be made available for inspection on the Company’s website at: [https://www.firstenergycorp.com/jersey\\_central\\_power\\_light/regulatory.html](https://www.firstenergycorp.com/jersey_central_power_light/regulatory.html).

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, telephonic public hearings will be conducted on the following date and times so that members of the public may present their views on the Company’s filing:

**Date:** March 9, 2021  
**Times:** 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.  
**Telephone Number:** 1-800-258-2080

BPU Commissioner Robert Gordon will preside over the telephonic public hearings. Representatives of the Company, Board Staff, and the New Jersey

Division of Rate Counsel will also participate in the telephonic public hearings. Members of the public are invited to call in and present their views on this matter by calling the above “Telephone Number.” All comments will be made part of the final record of this proceeding to be considered by the Board. In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, such as interpreters, 48 hours prior to the above hearings to the Board Secretary at [board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov).

The Board will also accept email/written comments. While all comments will be given equal consideration and will be made a part of the final record of this proceeding, the recommended method for submission of comments is via email or the portal to ensure timely receipt while the Board continues to work remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Members of the public may email comments, in pdf or Word format, to [board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov) or through the Board’s External Access Portal after obtaining a MyNewJersey Portal ID. Once an account is established, you will need an authorization code, which can be obtained upon request by emailing the Board’s IT Helpdesk at [BPUITHELPDESK@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:BPUITHELPDESK@bpu.nj.gov). Detailed instructions for e-filing can be found on the Board’s home page at <https://www.nj.gov/bpu/agenda/efiling>. Written comments may also be submitted to the Board Secretary, Aida Camacho-Welch, at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350. All comments should include the name of the petition and the docket number stated at the top of this Notice.

All comments are considered “public documents” for purposes of the State’s Open Public Records Act. Commenters may identify information that they seek to keep confidential by submitting them in accordance with the confidentiality procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3.

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