

NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF

STAKEHOLDER MEETING

REGARDING CONTACT VOLTAGE

August 12, 2010 at 10 am

Board Hearing Room

Two Gateway Center, 8th Floor

Newark

The Board is soliciting input on safety issues that may be raised by contact voltage in New Jersey. For the purpose of this proceeding, contact voltage means electrical current present in conductive surfaces (including but not limited to the earth, light poles or metal utility hole covers) caused by abnormal power system conditions (such as deteriorated or missing insulation, damaged cables, improper maintenance or improper installation of cables). Contact voltage may result in electric shocks to people or animals.

Specifically, the Board seeks comments on the following issues:

- Whether and to what extent there is sufficient data available regarding measurements of contact voltage in New Jersey.
- Whether the currently available data is sufficient to determine if contact voltage is affecting public safety in New Jersey.
- To the extent that contact voltage may result in safety problems in New Jersey, whether amendments to the Board's safety standards may be necessary.
- To the extent that amendments to the Board safety standards may be needed, the areas where the current standards may need to be changed or new standards added. For example, inspection, testing, recordkeeping, notification, reporting, maintenance, repairs, etc.

All comments that are not submitted verbally at the stakeholder meeting can be submitted electronically in Microsoft Word Format until **September 17, 2010** to:

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