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## **NOTICE**

### **TECHNICAL CONFERENCE**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FEDERAL INFLATION REDUCTION ACT HOMES (HOME EFFICIENCY REBATES) AND HEEHR (HOME ELECTRIFICATION AND APPLIANCE REBATES) PROGRAMS**

**DOCKET NO. [QO23100733](#)**

Staff of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU or Board) hereby gives notice and invites all interested parties and members of the public to participate in a Technical Conference to discuss the design of the program to implement the federal Inflation Reduction Act Home Efficiency Rebate (HOMES) and Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates (HEEHR) formula funding, as described further below.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Background and Procedural History**

On February 15, 2023, Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive Order 316 directing the State to advance the electrification of 400,000 additional residential dwelling units and 20,000 additional commercial spaces, and an additional 10 percent of residential units in low income communities to be made electrification-ready by 2030.<sup>2</sup> Executive Order 316 further directs the Board to ensure that the federal HOMES Program and the HEEHR Program are implemented and coordinated to support buildings electrification, with a primary focus on the needs of low- and moderate-income (LMI) customers.

Pursuant to the above directives of Executive Order 316, the Board initiated the above docketed matter, enabling Board staff (Staff) to engage with stakeholders to investigate and recommend how to design and implement a program to distribute the HOMES Program and HEEHR Program funding allocated to New Jersey under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA).<sup>3</sup> Accordingly, Staff will consider the following with respect to program design and parameters:

1. Optimal pathway to calculating rebates delivered to the customer between modeled versus measured approaches recommended by U.S Department of Energy (DOE);
2. Developing a clean buildings workforce to deliver the HOMES Program and HEEHR Program funding, from the perspective of establishing long-term jobs;

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<sup>1</sup> Under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (136 Stat. 1818 (Aug. 16, 2022)), Section 50121 and 50122 are the applicable programs. While there are no formal names for the programs, Section 50121, which discusses Home Energy Performance-Based Whole House Rebates, is generally referenced as “Home Efficiency Rebates,” and Section 50122, which discusses High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Program, is generally referenced as “Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates”).

<sup>2</sup> Exec. Order No. 316 (February 15, 2023), 55 N.J.R. 510(a) (March 20, 2023).

<sup>3</sup> Inflation Reduction Act, supra note 1.

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3. Integration of the HOMES Program and the HEEHR Programs with existing energy efficiency and low- and moderate-income programs;
4. Approaches to designing programs serving multi-family buildings in low-income communities; and
5. Ensuring efficient delivery of these programs with respect to income verification, outreach and customer experience.

This Technical Conference concerns the implementation of federal HOMES/HEEHR formula funding, which will help New Jersey households save money on energy bills, upgrade to clean energy equipment, improve energy efficiency, and reduce indoor and outdoor air pollution. As such, the purpose of the Technical Conference is to discuss ideas about how best to deliver federal HOMES/HEEHR formula funding alongside current efficiency and electrification incentives in New Jersey and to explore related topics integral to delivering innovative and effective energy efficiency programs that help save ratepayers money and drive the State's reduction of energy consumption and emissions economy-wide. Through the Technical Conference, Staff will conduct the formal stakeholder engagement in the HOMES/HEEHR Energy Efficiency Incentives program development.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the Governor's Office of Climate Action and the Green Economy and the Board's Executive Director's Office invite all interested parties and members of the public to participate in the following Technical Conference concerning federal HOMES/HEEHR funding, which shall take place on the designated date and time specified below:

**HOMES/HEEHR ENERGY EFFICIENCY INCENTIVES TECHNICAL CONFERENCE**

**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, December 13, 2023

**START TIME:** 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time

**LOCATION:** Trenton War Memorial (1 Memorial Drive, Trenton, NJ 08608)

**LIVESTREAM**

**LINK:** [Livestream Link Here](#)

**RECORDING  
AVAILABLE:**

You may access the recording of this Technical Conference after December 13, 2023 at the following [link](#).

The Technical Conference will be held in-person. Parking is available on the corner of West Lafayette Street and Warren Street in Trenton. There are a limited number of visitor parking spaces available in the Capitol Parking Garage at 125 West State Street in Trenton, NJ on a first come, first served basis. In order to encourage full participation, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, such as interpreters and/or listening assistance, at least 48 hours prior to the above meeting to the Secretary of the Board at [board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov).

If you are unable to attend in-person, the Technical Conference will also be available to stream online on December 13, 2023 at this [link](#).

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Please submit any questions regarding this meeting to Rupa Deshmukh at [rupa.deshmukh@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:rupa.deshmukh@bpu.nj.gov) and include in the subject line "HOMES/HEEHR Energy Efficiency Incentives Meeting" as applicable.

### **Comments**

The Board is also accepting written and/or electronic comments, in particular regarding future technical conferences and working sessions related to HOMES/HEEHR Funding. All public comments should be filed under Docket No. [QO23100733](#), In the Matter of the Implementation of Federal Inflation Reduction Act HOMES (Home Efficiency Rebates) and HEEHR (Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates) Program.

**The deadline for comments on this matter is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on ~~January 5, 2024~~ \*January 12, 2024.**

Please submit comments directly to the specific docket listed above, using the "Post Comments" button on the Board's [Public Document Search tool](#). All comments are considered "public documents" for purposes of the State's Open Public Records Act. Only public documents should be submitted using the "Post Comments" button on the Board's [Public Document Search tool](#). Commenters may identify any information that they seek to keep confidential by submitting them in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3.

In addition to hard copy submissions, confidential information may also be filed electronically via the Board's e-filing system or by email to the Secretary of the Board. Please include "Confidential Information" in the subject line of any email. Instructions for confidential e-filing are found on the Board's webpage, <https://www.nj.gov/bpu/agenda/efiling/>.

Written and/or electronic comments may also be submitted to:

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Staff looks forward to receiving and reviewing stakeholder comments.

*Sherri L. Golden*

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Secretary of the Board

Dated: ~~December 11, 2023~~ \*January 4, 2024

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## TECHNICAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

<b>December 13, 2023</b>	
9:00 am – 9:30 am	<p>Opening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening Remarks/Welcome from NJBPU President</li> <li>• Overview of Overall Implementation of Federal IRA, BIL, and CHIPS Federal Funding from BPU Staff/Catherine Klinger</li> <li>• Technical Conference Agenda Presented by NJBPU Staff</li> </ul>
9:30 am – 10:30 am	<p>Panel 1 – Leveraging Federal Funding to Advance State Efficiency Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Description:</i> Integration of HOMES and HEEHRA with existing energy efficiency and low and moderate income programs</li> <li>• <i>Moderator:</i> Stacy Ho Richardson, NJBPU</li> <li>• <i>Panelists:</i> Jamal Lewis, Rewiring America; Brian Lipman, Rate Counsel; Eric Miller, NRDC; Ryan Jerome, New Jersey Natural Gas.</li> </ul>
10:35 am – 11:35 am	<p>Panel 2 – Evaluating Program-Design Approaches to Deliver Energy and Cost Savings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Description:</i> Optimal pathway to calculating rebates delivered to the customer between Modeled versus Measured approaches recommended by U.S Department of Energy.</li> <li>• <i>Moderator:</i> Phil Chao, NJBPU</li> <li>• <i>Panelists:</i> Amie Bell-Pasht, American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy; Erin Cosgrove, Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships; Bridget DeOrdio, Jersey Central Power &amp; Light; David Kolata, Sealed.</li> </ul>
11:40 am – 12:15 pm	LUNCH BREAK
12:20 pm – 1:20 pm	<p>Panel 3 – Addressing Barriers to Service Delivery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Description:</i> Ensuring efficient delivery of these programs with respect to income verification, outreach and customer experience</li> <li>• <i>Moderator:</i> Kim Diamond, NJBPU</li> <li>• <i>Panelists:</i> Kelvin Boddy, Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey; Nancy Quirk, Sustainable Jersey; David Smedick, Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI).</li> </ul>
1:25 pm – 2:25 pm	Panel 4: Utilizing Federal Funding to Advance Decarbonization of the Multi-Family Sector

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Description:</i> Approaches to designing programs serving multi-family buildings in low-income communities</li> <li>• <i>Moderator:</i> Rupa Deshmukh, NJBPU</li> <li>• <i>Panelists:</i> Reverend Eric Dobson, Fair Share Housing Center; Tim Fagan, Public Service Electric &amp; Gas; Ravi Malhotra, International Center for Appropriate and Sustainable Technology (ICAST); Kara Saul Rinaldi, AnnDyl Policy Group.</li> </ul>
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	BREAK
2:50 pm – 3:50 pm	<p>Panel 5: Building and Supporting the Energy Efficiency Workforce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Description:</i> Developing a clean buildings workforce to deliver the HOMES and HEEHRA programs and gain insights on establishing long-term jobs.</li> <li>• <i>Moderator:</i> Catherine Klinger, Governor’s Office of Climate Action and the Green Economy</li> <li>• <i>Panelists:</i> Christina Farrell, New Jersey Utility Association; John Kolesnik, Energy Efficiency Alliance of New Jersey; Jim Manning, New Jersey Division of Labor and Workforce Development; Andre Thomas, Isles Inc.</li> </ul>
3:55 pm – 4:00 pm	Closing Remarks by BPU Staff