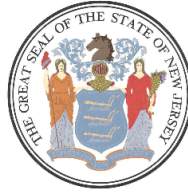


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## NOTICE<sup>1</sup>

### STAKEHOLDER MEETING

#### IN THE MATTER OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF P.L. 2018, c.17 - ENERGY AND WATER BENCHMARKING OF COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

Docket No. [QO21071023](#)

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“NJBP” or “Board”) hereby gives notice and invites all interested parties and members of the public to participate in a virtual Stakeholder Meeting regarding the impact of the New Jersey Building Energy and Water Benchmarking Program (“Program”) on apartment building owners.

On May 23, 2018, Governor Phil Murphy signed the Clean Energy Act into law as L. 2018, c. 17 (“Clean Energy Act of 2018”). The Clean Energy Act of 2018 mandates the following:

No later than five years after the date of enactment of P.L.2018, c.17 (C.48:3-87.8 et al.), the board shall require the owner or operator of each commercial building over 25,000 square feet in the State to benchmark energy and water use for the prior calendar year using the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s Portfolio Manager tool.

The 2019 New Jersey Energy Master Plan (“EMP”) includes Goal 3.3.2, to “Establish transparent benchmarking and energy labeling,” which lists building energy use benchmarking as a critical component in promoting market-driven increases in energy efficiency. Benchmarking allows commercial building owners and operators to measure and analyze their respective facilities’ energy and water use and compare their performance to similar buildings. Owners and operators can then assess opportunities for performance improvements that reduce their respective building’s energy use and costs.

The Board approved the Program on September 7, 2022. The Board Order outlines the general procedures and requirements for this Program. More information is available at the Board’s [benchmarking website](#).

A Stakeholder Meeting regarding energy and water benchmarking procedures and obligations under the Program will be held at the following date and time, and in the following manner. Board Staff will present on the following topics: background on the Program, getting started, using EPA Portfolio Manager, obtaining utility data, and reporting.

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## STAKEHOLDER MEETING

**DATE:** March 7, 2023

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m. EST

**LOCATION:** Zoom Virtual Webinar  
[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_PPxIVgDERDOTBwgxRSIwKQ](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PPxIVgDERDOTBwgxRSIwKQ)

If you would like to speak during this Stakeholder Meeting, please indicate so on the form above.

(Note: If you are typing the URL, please use UPPERCASE for all capitalized letters.)

You may also join the meeting at <https://zoom.us/join> and enter Webinar ID: 867 6323 0705

Or via telephone: 1 (646) 931-3860

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Please note that the meetings will be conducted virtually. You must register for a meeting before attending. Stakeholders and members of the public may participate after registering by utilizing the link or dial-in information set forth above and may express their views. 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 meetings to the Acting Board Secretary at [board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov).

If you want to reserve a speaking opportunity, please designate this during the online registration process. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting and information about checking your system requirements in advance of the meeting. Please check your access devices in advance of the meeting to ensure that they will properly connect.

Please submit any questions regarding this stakeholder process to [BPUBenchmarking@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:BPUBenchmarking@bpu.nj.gov) and include the subject line "Building Energy and Water Benchmarking" as applicable.

### **Comments**

The Board is also accepting written and/or electric comments.

All public comments should be filed under [Docket No. QO21071023](#). **The deadline for public comments is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, March 21, 2023.** Comments may be submitted directly to the specific docket listed above, using the "Post Comments" button on the Board's [Public Document Search](#) tool. Any confidential information should be submitted in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3. Due to the COVI-19 pandemic, certain rules requiring paper submissions have been temporarily waived. 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://nj.gov/bpu/agenda/efiling>.

E-mailed and/or written comments may also be submitted to:

**Carmen D. Diaz**

Acting Secretary of the Board

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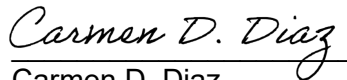
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Board staff looks forward to receiving and reviewing your responses.



Carmen D. Diaz

Acting Secretary of the Board

Dated: February 27, 2023