NOTICE

New Jersey Energy Efficiency Transition

Docket No. QO17091004

Staff Stakeholder Notice - Energy Efficiency Utility Core Programs

Public Stakeholder Meeting

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("NJBPU" or "Board") hereby gives notice of a public stakeholder meeting on energy efficiency utility core programs.

In order to facilitate discussion and update participants on the status of utility core programs that are being developed as part of the energy efficiency transition, the meeting will consist of a presentation by the state’s electric and gas public utilities that will provide an update on the development of program filings and discuss topics related to program structure, design, and consistency of delivery. The presentation will be followed by a structured Q&A session which will focus on the challenges and barriers the programs will need to overcome, enhancements to existing core programs, ensuring equity and reaching underserved customers, and workforce development.

The public meeting will be held at the following date, time, and place:

   Date:   Monday, July 13, 2020
   Time:  9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ET

Held via webinar: Please note that, in the interest of public health and safety, this meeting will be conducted via webinar. You must register for the July 13th meeting before attending by clicking the following new registration link:

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6137479811788656396

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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar and checking your system requirements ahead of the meeting. Stakeholders should check their systems ahead of the meeting to ensure that they will have access.

**Background**

On May 23, 2018, Governor Phil Murphy signed into law P.L. 2018, c. 16 (C.48:3-87.8 et al) ("Act"). N.J.S.A. 48:3-87.9 requires electric and gas public utilities in the state to reduce the use of electricity and natural gas in their service territories. Specifically, the Act states that, by May 23, 2019, the Board shall require each electric public utility to achieve, within its territory by its customers, annual reductions of 2% of the average annual electricity usage in the prior three years within five years of implementation of its electric energy efficiency program; and each natural gas public utility to achieve, within its territory by its customers, annual reductions in the use of natural gas of 0.75% of the average annual natural gas usage in the prior three years within five years of implementation of its gas energy efficiency program.

**Next Steps**

Staff hereby announces this July 13th public stakeholder meeting, which continues stakeholder engagement on the energy efficiency transition. Please note that this public stakeholder meeting is limited to comments concerning the design of the utility core programs that will be implemented as part of New Jersey’s current and next generation of energy efficiency and peak demand reduction programs.

In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations for disabled citizens to the Office of the Secretary of the Board at (609) 777-3300 at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Members of the public may file written comments with the Secretary of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, regardless of whether they participate in the public meetings. Written comments may be submitted electronically to EnergyEfficiency@bpu.nj.gov in PDF or Word format. Please include a subject line of "Core Programs."

Commenters may additionally file comments electronically through the Board’s External Access Portal upon obtaining a MyNewJersey Portal ID. Once you establish a MyNewJersey account, you’ll need an authorization code, which you can request by emailing NJBPU’s IT Helpdesk at ITHELPDESK@bpu.nj.gov.

Comments may also be submitted by mail to:

Aida Camacho-Welch  
Secretary of the Board  
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities  
44 South Clinton Avenue, Post Office Box 350  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350

All comments must be received on or before the comment deadline of 5:00 p.m. ET on Monday, July 27, 2020.

Aida Camacho-Welch  
Dated: July 2, 2020  
Secretary of the Board