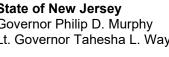
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## NOTICE<sup>1</sup>

# In The Matter of the Clean Energy Programs and Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 - Revised Clean Transportation Budget

Docket No. Q025040206

## **Informational Session and Request for Comments**

### **BACKGROUND AND PROPOSED BUDGET REVISIONS**

The Fiscal Year 2026 ("FY26") New Jersey's Clean Energy Program ("NJCEP") Budget, approved by the Board via Order dated June 30, 2025, is, in part, based upon an estimate of expenses and commitments expected to be incurred during Fiscal Year 2025 ("FY25").2

Included in that Budget are several Clean Transportation Programs designed to encourage the building of public charging infrastructure, including a new Electric Vehicle ("EV") Tourism Corridor Program. The EV Tourism Corridor Program opened in May 2025 and remained open through July 2025, at which time the number of applications exceeded the available funds.

After Staff reviewed all EV Tourism Corridor Program applications, \$13.5 million was awarded to fund sixty-four (64) chargers across fifty-four (54) locations. In addition, a waitlist of \$12.8 million was created which, if fully funded. would fund an additional sixty-one (61) chargers at thirty (30) locations.

As part of the routine Budget process, Staff continued work to document actual expenses and commitments for the FY25 Programs which are presented as estimated for budgetary purposes. As part of that process, Staff has identified funds that can be better utilized to fulfill the EV Tourism Corridor waitlist. In addition to funding the waitlist, the funding transfer will allow Staff to reopen the hotel portion of the EV Tourism Corridor Program, which was underutilized in the short time that the program was open but is key to meeting the State's EV goals.

By Order dated February 14, 2014, ("Order"), the Board delegated to Staff the authority to make limited modifications to the NJCEP budget so long as certain conditions are met.3 The Order allows for up to 10% of the Program budget to be reallocated within the Program during any sixty (60)-day period. Due to the time-sensitive nature of the changes, identified below, as they relate to program continuity, the Staff intends to transfer funds between these budget lines prior to the True-Up Budget being presented to the Board.

The Order requires Staff to provide a written notice to each Commissioner at least seven (7) days prior to implementing any budget revision, which provided for these proposed revisions. In addition, the Order requires that Staff shall post notice of such budget revision on the NJCEP website and circulate the notice to the Energy Efficiency

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Not a Paid Legal Advertisement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In re the Clean Energy Programs and Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025, BPU Docket No. QO24040224, Order dated June 30, 2025.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> In re the Clean Energy Programs and Budget for Fiscal Year 2014, BPU Docket No. EO13050376V, Order dated February 14, 2014.

and Renewable Energy stakeholder listservs, allowing for at least seven (7) days for public comment before any budget revision is implemented.<sup>4</sup> The issuance of this Notice satisfies such requirement.

Staff is requesting comments on the Proposal; the schedule and process for submitting comments is set forth at the end of this Request for Comments. The allocation of the additional funds is summarized below:

## **Budget Table**

The following table shows the Original Budget for the Programs (approved by the Board in June 2025), the proposed budget revisions, and the resulting Proposed Revised FY26 Clean Transportation Budget:

## Proposed FY26 Modified (In \$)

FY26 Program/Budget Line	Initial FY26 Budget	Line Item Transfers	Revised FY26 Budget
Clean Fleet	29,157,000	(5,000,000)	24,157,000
Multi-Unit Dwellings (Chargers)	31,750,000	(5,000,000)	26,750,000
EV Tourism	19,800,000	10,000,000	29,800,000

### PROPOSED BUDGET REVISIONS

## **Allocations and Rationale**

#### Proposed Increases

Staff proposes to increase the EV Tourism budget by \$10 million. This \$10 million, added to the remaining EV Tourism funding, will fully fund the \$12.8 million waitlist for the EV Tourism Corridor Program and provide \$2 million to keep the hotel track of the EV Tourism Corridor program open. There will be no additional competitive EV Tourism solicitation in FY26.

Program	Reason	Amount (\$)
EV Tourism	The EV Tourism Corridor Program currently has a \$12.8 million waitlist. These funds will allow the waitlist to be awarded and provide funding to keep the hotel portion of the program open.	\$10,000,000

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> *Id.* at Section D.1.-2 ("General Description of Authority and Limitations and Delegated Authority – Notice and Process for Budget Modifications").

#### **Proposed Deductions**

Staff proposes to decrease the budgets for the Clean Fleet and Multi-Unit Dwelling Programs by \$5 million each. Over \$12 million remains unencumbered in FY26 for each of these programs to continue to provide awards, which staff deems an adequate budget for each of these programs.

<u>Program</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
MUD	To provide funding for the EV Tourism Corridor Waitlist and to provide funding to keep the hotel portion of the program open.	(\$5,000,000)
Clean Fleet	To provide funding for the EV Tourism Corridor Waitlist and to provide funding to keep the hotel portion of the program open.	(\$5,000,000)

#### VIRTUAL INFORMATIONAL SESSION

Staff will be holding a virtual informational session on the proposed True-Up budget and proposed program revisions on **December 19, 2025 at 1:30 pm ET**. This is an informational session and there will be no opportunity for public comment.

This meeting will be conducted via a Zoom webinar. You must register for the meeting before attending by clicking the following registration link: Webinar Registration - Zoom

## PROCESS AND SCHEDULE FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS

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

All public comments should be filed under <u>Docket No. QO25040206</u>. The deadline for comments on this matter is **5:00 p.m. on December 30, 2025**. Comments may be submitted directly to the specific docket listed above using the "Post Comments" button on the Board's <u>Public Document Search</u>. 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. Any confidential information should be submitted 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 <a href="https://www.nj.gov/bpu/agenda/efiling/">https://www.nj.gov/bpu/agenda/efiling/</a>. Emailed and/or written comments may also be submitted to: <a href="mailto:board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov">board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov</a>.

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Dated: December 5, 2025

