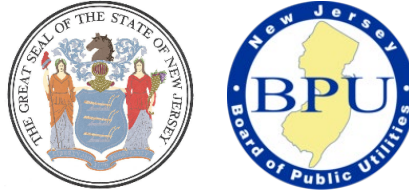


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NOTICE¹

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”) upon non-regulated electric and water utilities.

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 and water use.

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 will be held at the following date and time, and in the following manner:

STAKEHOLDER MEETING

DATE: January 13, 2023

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Zoom Virtual Webinar

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nANIceb5Qm-yh0F31IWECQ

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

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You may also join the meeting at <https://zoom.us/join>:
Webinar ID: 847 1917 9132

Or via telephone: 1 (646) 931-3860

Please note that the meeting will be conducted virtually, via Zoom. You must register for this meeting before attending via the link provided above at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled date. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the webinar, as well as system requirements.

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. We encourage stakeholders and members of the public to check their systems ahead of the meeting to ensure that they will properly connect.

Stakeholders and members of the public are invited to participate 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, 48 hours prior to the above meeting to the Board Secretary at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

These meetings will be recorded, and the recordings will be made publicly available on the Board's [website](#).

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

Agenda Focus

Board Staff will present on the following topics:

- Background on the NJ Energy and Water Benchmarking Program
- Type of data that building owners will be requesting
- Maintaining customer privacy
- How a utility may provide the data
- Benefits of providing the data to the building owners.

Comments

The Board is also accepting written and/or electric comments. The deadline for public comments on this matter is 5:00 p.m. EST on Monday, February 13, 2023. Please submit comments directly to the specific docket listed above using the "Post Comments" button on the Board's [Public Document Search](#) tool. Comments are considered "public documents" for purposes of the State's Open Public Records Act, and any confidential information should be submitted in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3. Written comments may also be submitted to:

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Dated: December 29, 2022