

NOTICE TO JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY CUSTOMERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE VERIFIED PETITION OF JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) PROGRAM (JCP&L AMI)

Notice of a Filing and Notice of Public Hearings

BPU Docket No. EO20080545

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on August 27, 2020, Jersey Central Power & Light Company (“JCP&L” or “Company”) filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board” or “BPU”) in BPU Docket No. EO20080545 seeking the Board’s approval of the JCP&L Advanced Metering Infrastructure (“AMI”) Program (“Program”) throughout its service territory, including an associated cost recovery mechanism (“Petition”).

JCP&L seeks Board approval to install approximately 1.1 million (99%) advanced meters and related infrastructure over a three (3)-year period commencing on January 1, 2023 and ending in December 2025 (“Deployment Phase”). During the Deployment Phase JCP&L intends to integrate the AMI system with an Advanced Distribution Management System. The Deployment Phase will be followed by a two (2)-year post-deployment period (the “Final Engineering Phase”) where the Company will install approximately 1% of the remaining advanced meters. The Company also proposes to commence a twelve-month Pre-Deployment Phase no later than January 1, 2022 to make necessary preparation for successful deployment of the Program.

In its Petition, the Company estimated that through the first 20 years, the Program costs would be approximately \$733 million, with approximately \$506 million in capital costs and approximately \$227 million in operation and maintenance (“O&M”) costs. During the first six (6) years of the Program, inclusive of the Pre-Deployment Phase, Deployment Phase and Final Engineering Phase, JCP&L estimated costs of approximately \$433 million, consisting of capital costs (plant in service) of approximately \$360 million and incremental O&M costs of approximately \$73.3 million.

On September 14, 2021, the Company filed a supplement to the Petition reflecting a change in the Program’s capital cost (plant in service) from approximately \$360 million to approximately \$390 million over the first six (6) years of the Program. There is no change in incremental O&M expense.

The Company proposed to recover Program costs through a new Rider AMI to its Tariff. JCP&L proposes that the costs recovered in Rider AMI would include return on net investment, plus depreciation expense, O&M, amortization of stranded meter costs and cost of removal. JCP&L proposed to recover the revenue requirement associated with the Program through annual recovery filings to adjust Rider AMI.

The Company estimates that the Program will have a maximum incremental monthly bill impact on residential customers over the entire deployment period of approximately \$1.36, or 1.3% of the current average monthly bill. Based upon projected revenue requirements, the initial bill impact of the proposed initial rates for the initial rate period to the typical residential customer who uses 768 kWh per month is an increase of 0.6% or approximately \$0.66 per month above rates effective September 1, 2021. The actual costs on specific customers will vary according to the applicable rate schedule and the level of the customer’s usage.

STATEMENT OF MONTHLY EFFECT OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN RIDER AMI CHARGES AS COMPARED TO RATES IN EFFECT AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

	Proposed Class Average Incremental Monthly Bill Increase						
	Current 2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
	Monthly (\$)	Monthly (\$)	Monthly (\$)	Monthly (\$)	Monthly (\$)	Monthly (\$)	Monthly (\$)
RS	\$108.14	\$0.66	\$0.97	\$1.36	\$1.05	(\$0.02)	(\$0.23)
RT/RGT	\$146.21	\$1.07	\$1.57	\$2.20	\$1.72	(\$0.03)	(\$0.39)
GS	\$582.60	\$3.27	\$4.82	\$6.70	\$5.24	(\$0.09)	(\$1.18)
GST	\$27,754.15	\$149.36	\$219.53	\$305.51	\$239.42	(\$4.54)	(\$53.75)
GP	\$32,276.73	\$149.65	\$219.94	\$306.09	\$239.88	(\$4.55)	(\$53.85)
GT	\$79,869.66	\$247.42	\$363.65	\$506.07	\$396.60	(\$7.52)	(\$89.04)

The increases noted above are based on rates in effect as of September 1, 2021, including applicable Basic Generation Service charges and assuming customers receive commodity service from JCP&L. They are also based on current projections that assume full implementation of the Program Year’s revenue requests. The Board’s decision in this matter regarding the Program and its decisions on those annual filings may increase or decrease the dollars and percentage impacts as shown above. Any assistance required by customers with regard to the bill impacts will be furnished by the Company upon request.

Any rate adjustments with resulting bill impacts found by the Board to be just and reasonable as a result of the Company’s filing may be modified and/or allocated by the Board in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and for other legally sufficient reasons to any class or classes of customers of the Company or any rate or schedule. Therefore, the described impacts may increase or decrease based upon the Board’s decisions.

A copy of this Notice of a Filing and Notice of Public Hearings on the Petition is being served upon the clerk, executive, or administrator of each municipality and county within the Company’s service territory. The Petition and this Notice have also been sent to the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel, who will represent the interests of all JCP&L customers in this proceeding. A copy of the Petition, supporting documents and supplement will be made available for inspection on the Company’s website at: https://www.firstenergycorp.com/jersey_central_power_light/regulatory.html.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, telephonic public hearings will be conducted on the following date and times so that members of the public may present their views on the Company’s filing:

Date: November 1, 2021 **Times:** 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. **Telephone Number:** 1-800-258-2080

Representatives from the Company, Board Staff, and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel will also participate in the telephonic public hearings. Members of the public are invited to call in and present their views on this matter by calling the above “Telephone Number.” All comments will be made part of the final record of this proceeding and will be considered by the Board. In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, such as interpreters or listening assistance, 48 hours prior to the above hearing to the Board Secretary at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

The Board will also accept written and/or electronic comments. While all comments will be given equal consideration and will be made a part of the final record of this proceeding, the preferred method of transmittal is via the Board’s Public Document Search tool by searching for the specific docket number listed above, and posting by utilizing the “Post Comments” button. Emailed comments may be filed with the Secretary of the Board, in pdf or Word format, to board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov. Written Comments may also be submitted to the Board Secretary, Aida Camacho-Welch, at the Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350. All mailed or emailed comments should include the name of the Petition and the docket number provided at the top of this Notice.

All comments are considered “public documents” for purposes of the State’s Open Public Records Act. Commenters may identify information that they seek to keep confidential by submitting them in accordance with the confidentiality procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3.