

**NOTICE
TO THE CUSTOMERS OF
JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**

**Notice of a Filing
and Notice of Public Hearings**

**In the Matter of the 2024/2025 Annual Compliance Filings for a Change in the Statewide
Electric and Gas Permanent Universal Service Fund Program
Factors within the Electric and Gas Societal Benefits Charges Rates Pursuant to
N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.1**

BPU Docket No. ER24070486

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on June 28, 2024, Jersey Central Power & Light Company (“JCP&L” or “Company”) made an Annual Compliance Filing (“Filing”) with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) providing supporting documentation for changes in the Universal Service Fund (“USF”) and Lifeline components of JCP&L’s Societal Benefits Charges (“SBC”) to become effective on October 1, 2024. The requested changes in electric USF/Lifeline components are made pursuant to Board Orders at Docket Nos. EX00020091, EO09060506, and EO09090771, and includes the recovery of funding for the USF Program through uniform statewide rates.

The USF Program was established by the Board in 2003, pursuant to the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49, *et seq.* (“EDECA”), to assist qualifying low-income individuals in paying their energy bills. The SBC also includes funding for the Lifeline program, which provides assistance with heating costs to qualifying elderly and disabled persons. The State of New Jersey’s Department of Community Affairs (“DCA”) is the Administrator of the USF Program, and the New Jersey Department of Human Services (“DHS”) is the Administrator of the Lifeline programs. DCA and DHS authorize the disbursement of benefits to eligible customers in the respective programs.

Based upon the results and available estimates known to date for the 2023/2024 USF program year, and the available estimates for the 2024/2025 USF program year, it is anticipated that the USF rates will be set to collect \$236.5 million, of which approximately \$143.8 million would be recovered through electric rates with the remaining \$92.7 million recovered through gas rates on a statewide basis. The Lifeline rates are anticipated to collect \$74.6 million, of which, \$49.2 million would be recovered through electric rates with the remaining \$25.4 million recovered through gas rates on a statewide basis.

The current combined rate, after sales and use tax (“SUT”), for the USF and Lifeline programs for electric customers is \$0.002069 per kilowatt-hour (“kWh”). As proposed, the USF component would increase by \$0.000887 per kWh and the Lifeline component would increase by \$0.000013 per kWh. The proposed after-SUT USF/Lifeline program charge will increase to \$0.002969 per kWh.

The proposed statewide charges for electric customers are as follows:

Universal Service/Lifeline Fund Components of Societal Benefits Charge				
	Present	Present (Incl. SUT)	Proposed	Proposed (Incl. SUT)

USF-Electric per kWh	\$0.001243	\$0.001325	\$0.002075	\$0.002212
Lifeline-Electric per kWh	\$0.000698	\$0.000744	\$0.000710	\$0.000757
Total USF/Lifeline per kWh	\$0.001941	\$0.002069	\$0.002785	\$0.002969

The above requests will not result in any profit to JCP&L. The revenues received under the proposed USF and Lifeline program factors are designed to permit the Company to recover its costs associated with these programs only. Actual program costs will be reconciled with the revenues received through the USF and Lifeline program charges in the next scheduled annual USF and Lifeline compliance filing to be made no later than July 1, 2025.

If approved by the Board, the effect of the proposed changes in the electric combined USF/Lifeline Program charges on a typical residential electric bill is illustrated below:

Impact of Proposed USF and Lifeline Charges On Typical Residential Electric Bills					
Monthly kWh Usage	Annual kWh Usage	Present Annual Bill ⁽¹⁾	Proposed Annual Bill ⁽²⁾	Proposed Annual Increase	Proposed % Increase
500	6,000	\$998.04	\$1,003.44	\$5.40	0.54%
1,000	12,000	\$2,055.00	\$2,065.80	\$10.80	0.53%
1,500	18,000	\$3,139.56	\$3,155.76	\$16.20	0.52%

⁽¹⁾ Based on Residential Full Service (RS) rates in effect June 1, 2024

⁽²⁾ Based on Residential Full Service (RS) rates in effect June 1, 2024, with proposed charges

As set forth above, based on JCP&L's Filing, a residential electric customer using 500 kilowatt hours per month, and 6,000 kilowatt hours on an annual basis, would see an increase in their annual bill from \$998.04 to \$1,003.44 or \$5.40 or approximately 0.54%.

The percentage of change applicable to specific customers will vary according to the applicable service classification and the level of the customer's usage.

The Board has the statutory authority pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 to establish the USF and Lifeline charges at levels it finds just and reasonable. Therefore, the Board may establish the USF and Lifeline charges at levels other than those proposed by JCP&L's Filing. As a result, the above-described charges may increase or decrease based upon the Board's decision.

Copies of the Filing can be reviewed on JCP&L's website at:

https://www.firstenergycorp.com/jersey_central_power_light/regulatory.html.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that virtual public hearings will be conducted on the following date and times so that members of the public may present their views on the Filing:

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

Date: September 3, 2024

Hearing Times: 4:30 P.M. and 5:30 P.M.

Join from the meeting link:

Link: <https://fecorp.co/PH-09-03-2024>

Meeting ID: 212 975 853 357

Passcode: DDc8Ry

-or-

Join by phone:
Dial-In Number: 878-787-7704
Phone Conference ID: 387 080 913

Representatives from the Company, Board Staff, and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel will participate in the virtual public hearings. Members of the public are invited to participate by utilizing the link or dial-in information set forth above and may express their views on this Filing. All comments will be made a part of the final record of this proceeding and will be considered by the Board. To encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any request for needed accommodations, such as interpreters and/or listening devices, 48 hours prior to the above hearings to the Board Secretary at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

The Board will also accept written and/or electronic comments. Comments may be submitted directly to the specific docket number listed above using the “Post Comments” button on the Board’s Public Document Search tool at <https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us/>. Comments are considered public documents for purposes of the State’s Open Public Records Act. Only documents that are intended to be public 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, Sherri L. Golden. Please include “Confidential Information” in the subject line of any email. Instructions for confidential e-filing are found on the Board’s webpage at <https://www.nj.gov/bpu/agenda/efiling/>.

Emailed and/or written comments may also be submitted to:
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