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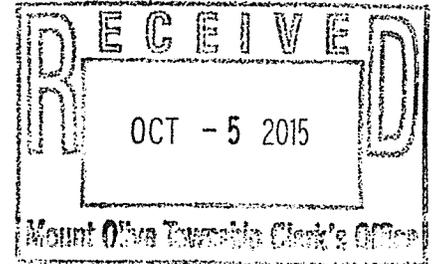
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**Re: Re: Jersey Central Power & Light
Montville - Whippany 230 kV Transmission Project**



Dear Mayor and Governing Body Members:

Over the past few weeks, you have received literature from Jersey Central Power & Light encouraging your community to support the proposed JCP&L Montville-Whippany Reinforcement Project (Project) via resolution. In its current form, the proposed Project has the potential to adversely affect our residents, children attending our schools, and those who utilize our recreational facilities. For several months, the Township of Montville has tried to negotiate in good faith with JCP&L. For the record, JCP&L has recognized the concerns we have in one of the areas in town and to their credit, have made adjustments to the proposed route. However, we have other areas of larger concern such as our Lazar Middle School and some of our high density residential developments that JCP&L, to this point, has refused to address. Specifically, the Montville Chase condominium development would be impacted the most as the proposed line is within approximately 105 feet of this residential development at the closest boundary point. We have asked JCP&L to modify the project at this location in an effort to limit the impact to our residents who live in the surrounding properties. To date, JCP&L has disregarded our requests for modifications suggested by the governing body on behalf of the residents.

The main goal of the project is to expand JCP&L's ability to provide additional power to existing customers as well as allow them to take on additional ones. You should know that a decision to support the Project will not have an effect on JCP&L's ability to provide power to you municipality during future emergency circumstances. Montville's expert has advised that the proposed project will not directly prevent outages on JCP&L's distribution system. This project does not address power distribution reliability, which is the main cause of outages.

At this point in time, we are asking that you do not take any action to support or oppose this project. Instead, we ask you to remain neutral until we have more of the facts and the benefits or detriments of this project are presented. In similar circumstances, we know you would take similar action to protect and support your residents.

We would like the opportunity to attend one of your upcoming governing body meetings to speak regarding this matter. Please call our Municipal Clerk, Trudy Atkinson, at 973-331-3304 to provide us with the meeting dates and times.

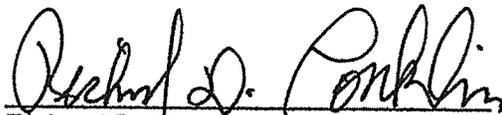
Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

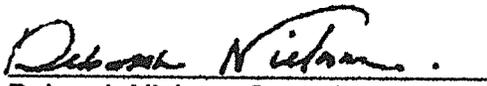
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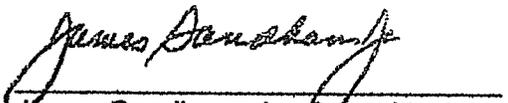
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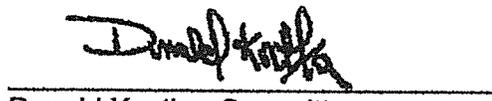
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Jersey Central Power & Light's Proposed Transmission Line Reinforcement Project

On March 31, 2015 Jersey Central Power & Light (JCPL) filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utility (BPU) requesting permission to construct a new 230 kV high-voltage transmission line between East Hanover and Montville. The new transmission line is intended to reinforce the existing Whippany and Montville substations. The proposed transmission line is being requested in response to a report by the PJM, the transmission planning organization responsible for system planning for the State of New Jersey and the neighboring 12 states, which issued a report stating that reinforcements are required in this region of New Jersey and specifically within JCPL's service territory.

The new line will be approximately 7 miles in length and be co-located mostly within an existing right-of-way with PSEG's Susquehanna-Roseland transmission line. Additional rights-of-way will be acquired by JCPL in specific locations. Approximately 3.1 miles of the new line will be located within Montville Township. The estimated cost of the project is \$35.1 million. The new line will be constructed on steel monopole structures that are on average 110' tall.

Jersey Central Power & Light and the PJM cite the need for the line to accommodate increasing demand for electricity, remain grid reliability and the existing conditions of the local energy infrastructure. In its filing JCPL anticipates construction to commence in September 2016 with completion in June 2017.

Transmission lines and distribution lines are similar in that they both carry electricity from one location to another; however there are some major differences between the two. Transmission lines are high voltage lines placed on large structures that carry electricity over long distances, such as from a power generation facility to a city, or from one load pocket to another. These lines are typically found in large transmission corridors referred to as Right of Ways. Distribution lines are lower in voltage, and are the final stage in the delivery of electricity to end users. They are part of a network that typically includes medium-voltage power lines, substations, pole-mounted transformers, low-voltage distribution wiring and meters. These lines are typically mounted on wooden poles (commonly referred to as "telephone poles") and carry the power lines alongside roadways, neighborhoods and ultimately to the customers.

Most outages experienced by customers are due to disruptions in the distribution system, not failures of the transmission system. Distribution outages occur frequently due to damage sustained from storm activity, lightning, wind, ice, flooding, fallen trees, etc. Outages caused by transmission line failures are less likely and far rarer. In a previous statement issued by JCPL they stated this project is needed to support the Township of Lafayette and neighboring municipalities. There is no support for this and JCPL's own filing expressly provides for the contrary. Specifically, JCPL's filing illustrates that Lafayette is over 20 miles from the region where the line is intended to benefit. Moreover, as the project is the installation of a new transmission line it will not directly prevent outages on JCPL's distribution system which are much more common.

