

**RESOLUTION DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE JCP&L RELIABILITY PLUS PLAN**

**WHEREAS, The Borough of Wharton recognizes that reliable electric service plays a crucial role in the daily lives of Borough residents; and**

**WHEREAS, The Borough of Wharton recognizes that reliable electric service also is critical to the local businesses within our community, and drives commerce in our Borough and across the region; and**

**WHEREAS, The Borough of Wharton supports efforts to enhance our energy infrastructure to continue to provide families and businesses the reliable source of energy they need; and**

**WHEREAS, The Borough of Wharton supports efforts to enhance the reliability and resiliency of the electric distribution system against severe weather and reduce the number of customers affected by outages and shorten the duration of outages; and**

**WHEREAS, The Borough of Wharton has been informed that Jersey Central Power and Light Company's (JCP&L) Reliability Plus includes approximately \$400 million in targeted investments above and beyond its regular annual investments to enhance JCP&L's service reliability and resiliency; and**

**WHEREAS, The Borough of Wharton has been informed that the JCP&L plan includes nearly 4,000 enhancements that will help the reliability and resiliency of overhead and underground distribution lines, as well as new equipment to reduce the number of customers affected by outages and shorten the duration of outages; and**

**WHEREAS, The Borough of Wharton has been informed that the JCP&L plan also outlines additional vegetation management to reduce the potential for tree damage, which is the primary cause of outages during severe storms in JCP&L's service area.**

**WHEREAS, The Borough of Wharton has been informed that JCP&L expects the plan's economic benefit to customers and businesses from enhanced reliability and resiliency will be \$1.9 billion over the estimated life of the equipment installed through the program; and**

**WHEREAS, The Borough of Wharton has been informed that JCP&L estimates the initial increase on the monthly bill for an average residential customer would be about 25 cents.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor and Council of Borough of Wharton hereby finds and declares:**

- **That JCP&L’s Reliability Plus will benefit residents and businesses in the Borough of Wharton and throughout Morris County by making JCP&L’s electric distribution system during storm and non-storm events more resistant to outages and enabling the system to recover more quickly when outages do occur and increase the distribution system’s resiliency, operational flexibility, safety and security.**
- **JCP&L’s Reliability Plus should be approved by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.**

**Adopted: October 29, 2018**

**BOROUGH OF WHARTON**

**ATTEST:**

**WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR**

**Gabrielle Evangelista,  
Borough Clerk**