

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, URGING SWIFT ACTION BY THE NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REGARDING RECENT POWER OUTAGES IN MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, power outage occurred on Monday December 23, 2024 affecting more than 5,000 homes which included local businesses and fire houses in Manchester Township; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement was forced to direct residents to warming centers established at the local high school out of concern for public health; and

WHEREAS, the power outages have been repetitive in Manchester and the surrounding areas affecting many more JCP&L customers; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Manchester has many senior communities which rely on electricity to heat their home during the winter; and

WHEREAS, ratepayers have had their rates increase consistently by JCP&L over the years and deserve better reliable services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Manchester, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Township Council urge the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to investigate the December 23, 2024 and subsequent power outages affecting Manchester Township and the surrounding communities quickly to provide answers for the widespread power outages.
2. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the Municipal Clerk to the members of the 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th and 30th Legislative Districts and Governor Murphy.

CERTIFICATION

I, Teri Giercyk, Clerk of the Township of Manchester, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of resolution adopted by the Township Council at a meeting on the 13th day of January 2025.



Teri Giercyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk



Manchester Coordinating Council
Crestwood Village 5
325 School House Rd. Whiting, NJ 08759

January 8, 2025

Mr. Christopher Hoenig
Jersey Central Power and Light
VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

choenig@firstenergycorp.com

Re: Whiting December 23, 2024 Power Outage

Dear Mr. Hoenig,

For more than 50 years, the Manchester Coordinating Council has been representing the eighteen (18) senior communities in Manchester Township, NJ. The mission of the Council is to examine and discuss issues that may arise that would affect the member communities of Manchester Township; and, to work together to resolve such issues and/or to make known the Council's position on such issues.

We write due to our concern about the December 23, 2024, day long power blackout that occurred in the Whiting section of Manchester Township, and what JCP&L is doing so that such a massive power outage never happens again. And so, we are extending an invitation for a representative(s) to attend one of our monthly meetings concerning the following:

- What caused the blackout? Why did it occur in Whiting?
- What is the status of the Whiting sub-station's ability to provide uninterrupted electric service?
- When was the last time the system has been updated for our immediate area and other Ocean County towns? What did this entail?

We understand that you are still investigating the source of the problem, and are willing to wait for your report. We also understand that you have a "standard protocol to meet with the HOA President, local OEM manager and a municipal official." As we are your clients, we respectfully appeal this procedure and request an exemption. Furthermore, we would like to point out that Manchester residents that are over 65 make up 49% of the population -- a protected class in terms of health sensitivities and fixed incomes. We need to know we have a stainable and efficient electric service.

We would be pleased if a presentation could be made at either our March 24th or our April 28th meeting. Guest speakers have about 20 minutes followed by a Q & A session. We meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Crestwood Village 5 Clubhouse at 325 Schoolhouse Road, Whiting.

Thank you for your time and consideration. You can respond to all on this email.

Sincerely,

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December 24, 2024

Christine Guhl-Sadovy, President
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
44 S. Clinton Avenue Trenton, NJ 08625
*Transmitted via Email

RE: Widespread Power Outages in Manchester Township

Dear President Guhl-Sadovy:

This outreach is to call on the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to take any necessary actions to address the recent power outages in our constituent municipality of Manchester Township as well as to determine the cause that led to this unacceptable situation.

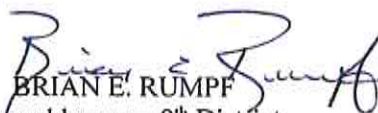
The power outages, which have proven to be widespread, have had far reaching impacts on the Township's residents, including those living in senior communities. Law enforcement was forced to direct residents to warming shelters established at the local high school out of concern for public health. Reportedly more than 5,000 homes lost power which also included businesses as well as fire houses.


While the effectiveness of efforts to restore power by Jersey Central Power and Light are being questioned, the larger point is how such a widespread power outage occurred in the first place, especially so close to the holidays.

Ratepayers who have rate increases consistently imposed on them by utility companies certainly deserve better service as well as answers to the cause of this power outage. To that end, we look forward to the Board investigating this utility-related incident in serving the interests of our impacted constituents. Thank you, in advance, for your attention to this urgent outreach.

Sincerely,


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