TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION #18-206

RESOLUTION ENDORSING JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT'S RELIABILITY PLUS – INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee recognize that reliable and competitive electric service plays a crucial role in the daily lives of the residents of the Township of Raritan; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee recognize that reliable electric service is also critical to local businesses and drives commerce within the Township and across the region; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee support efforts to enhance the Township's energy infrastructure to continue to provide residents and businesses the reliable source of energy that is expected; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee support efforts to enhance the reliability and resiliency of the electric distribution system against severe weather; reduce the number of customers affected by outages; improve utility response time; and shorten the duration of outages; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee has been informed that Jersey Central Power and Light Company's (JCP&L) Reliability Plus Plan includes approximately $400 million in targeted investments above and beyond its regular annual investments to enhance its service reliability and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, the Reliability Plus 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 Reliability Plus Plan also outlines additional vegetation management to reduce the potential for tree damage; the primary cause of outages during severe storms in JCP&L's service area; and

WHEREAS, the Reliability Plus Plan's economic benefit to residents 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 Mayor and Township Committee has been informed that JCP&L estimates the initial monthly increase for an average residential customer at approximately 25 cents initially to a maximum of approximately $1.87 over a four (4) year period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, based on information provided by JCP&L representatives, endorses that JCP&L's Reliability Plus Plan will:

1. Benefit residents and businesses in the Township of Raritan and throughout Hunterdon County;
2. Make its electric distribution system more resistant to outages during storm and non-storm events; and
3. Enable its electric distribution system to recover more quickly when outages do occur and increase resiliency, operational flexibility, safety and security.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Committee, based on information provided by JCP&L representatives, endorses approval of JCP&L's Reliability Plus Plan by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

ATTEST:

Lisa Fania, RMC
Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN

Michael Mangin
Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Lisa Fania, Clerk of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true, complete and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan at a meeting held on November 7, 2018.

Lisa Fania, RMC
Township Clerk