

## **RESOLUTION 2025 - 01**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE OCEAN COUNTY MAYORS' ASSOCIATION, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, EXPRESSING THE CONCERN AND FRUSTRATION OF THE OCEAN COUNTY MAYORS' ASSOCIATION ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOLLOWING NUMEROUS AND LENGTHY ELECTRICAL SERVICE OUTAGES EFFECTING VARIOUS MUNICIPALITIES WITH THE COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**WHEREAS**, Jersey Central Power and Light (JCP&L) is the Electricity Service Provider several municipalities within the County of Ocean, and;

**WHEREAS**, there have been numerous Electricity Service Outages affecting these municipalities during the past sixty days, and;

**WHEREAS**, many of these Electricity Service Outages have lasted for several hours or more, and;

**WHEREAS**, many Ocean County residents rely upon electrical service to heat their homes during the winter months, and;

**WHEREAS**, the communication and repair response to these service outages by JCP&L has been poor,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OCEAN COUNTY MAYORS' ASSOCIATION:**

1. On behalf of our residents, we express our deep frustration and concern over the persistent power outages experienced by our community under the service of JCP&L, particularly during the recent extreme cold weather.
2. These outages pose significant risks to the health, safety, and well-being of our residents. Prolonged power interruptions during freezing temperatures leave our community vulnerable, especially our seniors, families with young children and residents relying on medical equipment.
3. The frequency and duration of these outages, coupled with inadequate communication and response from JCP&L, are unacceptable. It is clear that systemic issues within the company's infrastructure and emergency response procedures need urgent attention.
4. Our residents deserve dependable and effective service, especially during critical weather conditions when electricity is a necessity, not a luxury.

**BE IT NOW FURTHER RESOLVED:**

1. As elected representatives of the residents of the County of Ocean, we stand in solidarity with the Ocean County Commissioners and municipalities in demanding that JCP&L be held accountable for these failures. While we acknowledge the challenges that utility companies face during severe weather, the frequency and duration of these outages are beyond reasonable expectations and cannot be allowed to continue.
2. Alongside our County and Municipal partners, we are prepared to escalate our concerns to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and pursue additional measures to hold JCP&L accountable if necessary.
3. Together, we call upon JCP&L to:
  - a. Conduct a thorough investigation into the underlying causes of these recurring outages.
  - b. Prioritize immediate infrastructure investments and maintenance to ensure reliable service.
  - c. Improve emergency communication protocols to provide timely updates and resources for affected customers.
4. The residents of the County of Ocean, deserve better. It is our responsibility to advocate on their behalf. We urge JCP&L to take immediate and decisive action to address these issues. The time for promises has passed—what we need now is clear, measurable progress to restore trust and ensure reliable service.
5. That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Murphy and all Ocean County Elected Officials.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Christopher J. Boyle, Secretary of the Ocean County Mayors' Association, do hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate representation of a Resolution adopted by the Ocean County Mayors' Association at their Regular Meeting on the 19th day of March, 2025.

  
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John M. Imperiale, Secretary  
Ocean County Mayors' Association