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### A LETTER FROM BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES PRESIDENT, JOSEPH L. FIORDALISO

Dear colleagues and friends,

While New Jersey has been focused on prioritizing essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic, I wanted to reach out and assure you that the BPU remains committed to safely moving Governor Murphy's clean energy agenda forward.

There is understandable concern due to distancing requirements and the pause in construction and non-essential work unrelated to preservation of health and safety. To that end, on May 1, the Board issued a [press release](#) clarifying that the State considers solar projects "essential construction projects" under Gov. Murphy's Executive Order 122, and that "utility projects, including those necessary for energy and electricity production and transmission and any decommissioning of facilities used for electricity generation" may continue during the Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency declared by the Governor.

Also, on May 20 the Board lifted COVID-19 restrictions put in place on March 19 for non-essential construction, thus allowing utilities and clean energy workers to get back on the job while following guidelines laid out in Governor Murphy's Executive Order #142.

Additionally, work continues to advance the energy efficiency transition, a critical component of the Governor's clean energy agenda. Since going virtual, Staff released a comprehensive straw proposal and led two public stakeholder meetings bringing together over 400 interested parties. Implementing energy efficiency to reduce energy burdens is more critical than ever and staff are expected to make recommendations for Board action to advance the transition in the month of May.

This is a new and challenging time for all of us, but as the BPU participates in the statewide effort to combat and contain the virus, we also remain committed to clean energy. Reducing emissions and mitigating the impacts of climate change through clean energy are vital parts of building a stronger and fairer New Jersey. Solar, offshore wind, and energy efficiency matters will continue to be part of the Board's virtual stakeholder engagement and agenda meetings.

Thank you as always, for your ongoing commitment to New Jersey and for standing with us during these uncertain and difficult times. Like you, I remain dedicated to clean energy solutions for a healthy climate and a greener economy.

Best,  
Joseph L. Fiordaliso  
President, Board of Public Utilities



## New Jersey Board of Public Utilities **COVID-19 RESPONSE**

[Click here for information about:](#)

- **Public Utilities**
- **Service Shut-offs**
- **Customer Assistance**
- **State Resources**
- **Utility Bill Assistance**
- **Scam Awareness**

### **Utilities Have Voluntarily Suspended Service Shutoffs in Response to COVID-19**

Additionally, a number of utilities in the **New Jersey** are [closing walk-in payment centers](#) to support social distancing, while still offering alternative payment options. Click [here](#) to find contact information for your local utility or supplier representative.

### **UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

As we all make adjustments in our lives during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, remember that the state has resources to help families with their utility bills. These programs have helped thousands over the years, and can step in to offer aid during this difficult time of transition. Please [click here](#) to learn more about New Jersey's utility assistance programs.

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New Jersey residents who purchased or leased an eligible electric vehicle on or after January 17, 2020 may apply for the Charge Up New Jersey incentive by completing the online application and submitting supporting documentation.

If you have purchased or leased a new electric vehicle, you may apply for an incentive of up to \$5,000. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **SUMMER IS HERE**

### **FIRST DAY OF SUMMER: JUNE 20, 2020**



The first day of Summer is June 20th, 2020. While the warm weather is something to look forward to, for most people the warm weather comes at a price. Don't let a high energy bill ruin your summer! It's possible to cut down your energy bill by managing your energy use efficiently. Check out our Energy Saving Tips for summer savings.

Click [here](#) for our tips.

## **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) QUICK-LINK RESOURCES**

[New Jersey Department of Health](#)

[NJDOLE and the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): What Employers & Businesses Should Know](#), New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development

[NJDOLE Benefits and the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): What Employees Should Know](#), New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development

[Coronavirus and Drinking Water and Wastewater](#), United State Environmental Protection Agency

[US Pandemic Planning Efforts and Resources COVID-19](#), Center for Disease Control

Insights Brochure-[Risk Management for Novel COVID-19](#), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)

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