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Subject: RE: How Phil Murphy Caused New Jersey Electricity Prices to Soar WSJ-Same COMING STATE OF FLORIDA-BAD POLICY-🗑 to change coarse admit bad Choices - Line up with DJT!!

Good Afternoon

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20250011, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance.

Thank you,
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To: FL State Policy Makers/Gov

From: FL Tax Payers, Electric Customers

BCC: +1000 rate payers

Subject: FL committed to, as NJ to energy suicide, re bad Policy

FYI: Below 7/9/25 WSJ, outline NJ failed energy policy choices!!

Replacing reliable, affordable energy in favor of Green alternatives, *CCP Solar/Battery, Wind*. Result higher rates, less reliable supply. Similar to FL, FPL plan add 100% CCP Solar/Batter, ignoring lower cost, reliable Gas/Nuclear, CLOSING DOWN current supply!

- *NJ plan 100% Green/Renewable supply 2035!!!*
- *NJ rates +15% V. Nat Average, requesting additional 17%-20% increase currently!!*
- *NJ sending residents CHECKS, of set inordinate ENERGY COST!!!*
- *Ignored expansion - less costly, reliable gas/nuclear!!!!!!*
- *NJ Consumers/Industry, outraged over energy cost, dependent on MJP grid!!!!!!*

ENERGY SUPPLY on the BALLOT NJ!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Conclusion:

FL on same path NJ, closing coal, gas, diesel plants, expanding unreliable CCP Solar!

FPL pending \$9 Bil rate increase covering 1/3 of FL users!!!!

DC opium, tax payer\$ to Utilities owners enable solar expansion, 12,000 Sq mile, Farm Land FPL!

Trump Plan quadruple Nuclear clean energy by 2050!!

Recommendation:

Bad policy, campaign contributions, tax payer \$/subsidies (*re routed through DC/Mordor*) put FL dangerous place re “*Base Load*” *energy supply*. FL Supply issues more dangerous than NJ, FL demand increasing, expanding population, industry relocations require enormous levels of Reliable, affordable, Abundant ENERGY!!!

Sky Rocketing rates, brown/blacks OUTS can be avoided, agriculture need not transition to CCP Solar farming, eating up 10s of thousands Sq miles of farm land.

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☐on our side (today) rethink FL ENERGY POLICY, based on affordable, reliability, domestic’s sources clean energy!!!

- ***First step***, *stop closing existing utility plants buying farm land to decorate FL landscapes with CCP Solar/Battery and transmission lines!!!*
- ***STOP*** *Solar expansion in favor of LNG, Nuclear, clean diesel and coal.*

How Phil Murphy Caused New Jersey Electricity Prices to Soar WSJ

Despite flat electricity demand for the past two decades—and some of the lowest energy usage per capita among the 50 states—New Jersey residents pay some of the highest retail power prices in the country. As of April 2025, the Garden State ranked No. 12 in

the nation, with prices more than 15% above the U.S. average. This gap has widened further in the wake of the recent decision by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to approve an additional 17% to 20% rate increase for most utility customers starting in June.

A decade ago, the *outlook for New Jersey electricity prices was much brighter. The state was adding natural-gas generation capacity to take advantage of abundant, lowcost*

Marcellus Shale gas located next door in Pennsylvania. By 2016, New Jersey achieved energy independence by supplying all its power needs with in-state generation for the first time in its history, partially fueled by Pennsylvania gas.

Then the state threw it all away. Since electing Gov. Phil Murphy in November 2017, New Jersey has shut down all its coal plants, reduced its natural gas-generation capacity, and increased its reliance on intermittent wind and solar power. Trenton is on a quixotic quest to achieve 100% “clean” electricity production by 2035.

Under Mr. Murphy’s leadership, New Jersey has tilted at offshore windmills—none of which have been completed to date, mainly due to cost overruns, despite the state’s generous financial incentives. *New Jersey has also subsidized the rollout of solar power (mostly nonutility scale) even though the state experiences only 94 days with less than 30% cloud cover in an average year.* The state ranks seventh in the country for small-scale solar power generation, with rooftop and utility-pole solar panels now ubiquitous.

Such supply-side mismanagement has led to a 12% decrease in New Jersey’s electric-generating capacity since 2016. Over the same period, average residential power prices increased by almost a third even as consumption declined slightly. The shale revolution has led to a significant drop in U.S. natural-gas prices since the 2000s, but New Jersey electricity customers have seen no benefit in their monthly bills.

A growing dependence on out-ofstate generation to meet electricity demand—the shortfall stood at 16% in 2024—has increased the state’s reliance on the Pennsylvania-New Jersey-Maryland, or PJM, regional transmission organization. This subjects New Jersey to even harsher climate policy.

PJM was started as a two-state, three-utility power pool in 1927 but has expanded into one of the largest regional grid operators in the U.S., responsible for balancing electricity supply and demand across 13 states plus the District of Columbia. Given

PJM's largely blue-state makeup, it's no surprise that its leadership has let climate policy objectives overrun grid planning and market dynamics in recent years.

Despite annual capacity pricing auctions meant to create an incentive for the construction of new power plants, total committed daily PJM capacity decreased by roughly 20%, or 34.3 gigawatts, between June 2015 and June 2025. Like Trenton, PJM has replaced dispatchable coal and natural-gas generation with variable wind and solar facilities across its entire service territory. Subsequent

The state was energyindependent in 2016, thanks to Pennsylvania shale gas. No longer.



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interconnection bottlenecks have delayed many winningbid renewable projects as PJM struggles to provide the necessary new transmission infrastructure quickly enough. ***Both the North American Electric Reliability Corp. and the Energy Department have raised concerns about grid reliability and potential outages in the PJM system over the next five years due to the forecast increase in electricity demand from data centers and other large industrial users.***

The laws of energy supply and demand are catching up with PJM—and New Jersey. In its last regular capacity auction, generation prices went up more than ninefold yearover-year. It was this price spike that led to the recent regulator-approved 17% to 20% increase in New Jersey residential bills.

Rather than ***mailing out government checks to provide temporary ratepayer relief as the Murphy administration has recently done, New Jersey needs to take responsibility for its own energy destiny by returning to energy self-sufficiency.*** This would make it no longer necessary to participate in PJM. Despite Trenton's climate delusions, from a reliability, cost and emissions perspective, New Jersey already has an optimal generation mix. **Natural gas and nuclear currently comprise more than 90% of its electricity output.** ***The Garden State just needs to supersize both fuel sources to catch up with current demand as well as projected load growth.***

New natural-gas combined-cycle plants can be delivered within three years and are the most affordable option. More natural gas power will also allow New Jerseyites finally to receive the shale dividend that they were promised years ago. Largescale nuclear reactors take longer to complete but never go dark during their 80-year operating lives. **New Jersey should take advantage of the Trump administration's push to quadruple domestic nuclear capacity by 2050.**

In a hopeful sign earlier this year, the state's public utilities board sent out a request for information on potentially building new nuclear power plants in the state.

*Bringing down New Jersey's skyhigh electricity prices will require a fundamental shift in the political outlook in Trenton. **Sound energy policy is on the ballot in the Garden State in November.***

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