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## **NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR COMMENTS<sup>1</sup>**

### **IN THE MATTER OF PROPOSED UPDATES TO NEW JERSEY'S CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM STATE ENERGY PROGRAM FOR NON-INVESTOR-OWNED UTILITIES**

**[Docket No. QO24020127](#)**

**TAKE NOTICE** that Staff of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Staff") hereby gives notice and invites all interested parties and members of the public to submit comments on the proposed addition to New Jersey's Clean Energy Program ("NJCEP") of a State Energy Program ("SEP") for Non-Investor-Owned Utilities ("Non-IOUs").

Historically, NJCEP's funding has been derived primarily through collection of a Societal Benefits Charge ("SBC") from the customers of the state's investor-owned utilities ("IOUs"). Accordingly, NJCEP's financial incentives have been made available only to those IOU customers that contributed to the NJCEP fund, i.e., those electric incentives were not available to the customers of the state's non-investor-owned, including the state's municipally-owned, electric utilities ("Non-IOUs").

To address that gap, the Board has in the past utilized separate U.S. Department of Energy SEP grant funds to pay financial incentives to Non-IOU customers who implemented energy efficiency ("EE") measures, through a program operated on a basis virtually identical to specified parallel NJCEP programs ("Legacy SEP"). However, as those parallel NJCEP programs transitioned to the state's IOUs beginning in FY22, the statewide Non-IOU Legacy SEP expired. The proposed new SEP would again use separate SEP funds to make incentives payable to Non-IOU customers implementing certain electric EE measures. This SEP would operate in coordination with the state's natural gas utilities ("NGUs"), which are already managing parallel programs to which SEP incentives could be added and implemented. The details of the proposed new SEP are available [here](#).

**The deadline for comments on this matter is 5 p.m. on May 31, 2024.**

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Dated: May 15, 2024

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