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IN THE MATTER OF THE VERIFIED PETITION OF JERSEY CENTRAL POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE PROGRAM AND AN ASSOCIATED COST RECOVERY MECHANISM ORDER DESIGNATING COMMISSIONER, SETTING MANNER OF SERVICE AND BAR DATE

DOCKET NO. EO21030630

Parties of Record:

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BY THE BOARD:

On March 1, 2021, Jersey Central Power and Light Company ("JCP&L" or "Company") filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") seeking approval to invest approximately \$49.924 million (\$16.242 million as capital expenditures and \$33.682 million for operations and maintenance expenses) over a four (4) year period, commencing January 1, 2022, for an electric vehicle ("EV") program ("EV Driven Program") ("Petition").

As proposed in the Petition, the EV Driven Program would consist of five (5) sub-programs applicable to light-duty vehicles and one (1) sub-program related to consumer education and outreach initiatives.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Light-duty, or passenger, vehicles are any two-axle, four-wheel vehicle, primarily designed for passenger travel or light-duty commercial use. N.J.S.A. 48:25-2.

Sub-program	Budget (\$K)
Residential Customer	\$4,207
Mixed-Use Commercial	\$9,426
Direct Current Fast Charging ("DCFC") Public Charging	\$11,219
DCFC Last Resort	\$4,225
Overburdened Communities	\$2,500
Program Implementation	\$18,347
Total Budget	\$49,924

The six (6) proposed Sub-programs and associated budgets are:

According to JCP&L, the proposed EV Driven Program was designed to be responsive to its customers' needs, support the attainment of the State's goals for EV deployment and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, address critical adoption barriers for EV transportation by providing education and outreach, and provide EV infrastructure solutions to reduce range anxiety. JCP&L also proposed a last resort offering, wherein the Company would install, own and operate approximately 20 DCFC charging ports at appropriate locations within its service territory.

Additionally, in the Petition, the Company proposed to implement a non-bypassable cents per kilowatt hour ("kWh") rate through a new tariff offering, "Rider EV", which would be applicable to all JCP&L distribution customer rate classes to recover the costs associated with the EV Driven Program. JCP&L proposed to implement the Rider EV rate effective January 1, 2022. If the Petition is approved as proposed, JCP&L estimates that the revenue requirement for the initial program year would be \$2,852,556.

## DISCUSSION

The Board has determined that the Petition should be retained by the Board for hearing. Accordingly, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-32, the Board <u>HEREBY</u> <u>DESIGNATES</u> Commissioner Gordon as the presiding officer with authority to rule on all motions that arise during the pendency of this proceeding and to modify any schedules that may be set as necessary to secure a just and expeditious determination of the issues. Further, the Board <u>HEREBY</u> <u>DIRECTS</u> that any entity seeking to intervene or participate in this matter file the appropriate application with the Board by April 26, 2021. Any party wishing to file a motion for admission of counsel, <u>pro hac vice</u>, should do so concurrently with any motion to intervene or participate.

In addition, in compliance with the Board's Order in Docket No. EO20030254, all parties are <u>HEREBY DIRECTED</u> to serve all documents electronically. No hard copies shall be filed until the Board lifts the restrictions imposed in that Order. The Board <u>HEREBY DIRECTS</u> Staff to post this Order to the Board's website.

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The effective date of this Order is April 3, 2021.

DATED: March 24, 2021

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