

**RESOLUTION 2016-220**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OPPOSING THE PROPOSED JCP&L RATE INCREASE**

**WHEREAS**, Jersey Central Power and Light (JCP&L) serves more than a million customers in New Jersey, extending across Ocean and Monmouth counties, as well as, parts of Burlington, Essex, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, Jersey Central Power and Light wants to raise rates; and

**WHEREAS**, a rate increase could force seniors on fixed incomes and families struggling to get by to choose between keeping their lights on, heating their homes, and putting food on the table, or buying needed medications; and

**WHEREAS**, the consequence of such an increase would also adversely affect small business owners, many of whom are just now beginning to recover from the destruction of Super Storm Sandy; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the opinion of this Municipality that the Company's return of investments should fund the improvements necessary and that a dedicated fund should be established to finance improvements thus eliminating the need to propose huge rate-hikes for their customers; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposal by Jersey Central Power and Light must still undergo regulatory hearings before an administrative law judge and be approved by the State Board of Public Utilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the prior approval on any rate increase, strong consideration be given to the devastating effect such an increase would have on senior citizens, struggling families and the business community.
2. That the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey opposes any such-rate hike; and
3. That certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Members of the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>, Legislative Districts, the Board of Public Utilities and all Ocean County Municipalities.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Michele A. Rivers, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Barnegat Township Committee at their meeting held in the Municipal Complex, 900 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, NJ on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2016

  
Michele A. Rivers, RMC  
Municipal Clerk