

# Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

## ~ Resolution 2021 – 192 ~

### RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY REQUESTING MUNICIPALITIES IN NEW JERSEY TO JOIN TOGETHER IN A CONSORTIUM OF MUNICIPALITIES TO HELP IMPROVE JCP&L OVERALL SERVICES

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford as well as hundreds of municipalities across the State of New Jersey, were without power ranging from hours to multiple days as result of Tropical Storm Isaias, which struck the State on Tuesday, August 4, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Tropical Storm Isaias caused devastation across the State in the form of downed power lines and trees, flooding, road closures, as well as disruption to transportation infrastructure and hubs; and

**WHEREAS**, the weather forecasts ahead of Tropical storm Isaias, as well as communication from the State of New Jersey Office of Emergency Management, warned of the coming storm and the damage that it could inflict upon the State and that all utility companies should be prepared; and

**WHEREAS**, it is clear to the Township Council and residents of the Township of West Milford that the infrastructure that JCP&L was charged to maintain – utility poles, transformers substations and wiring, often failed, demonstrating that the utility was unprepared for Tropical Storm Isaias despite the claim that the infrastructure had been upgraded; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council finds that JCP&L failed to provide that service in the length of time it took to restore the Township to full power; and

**WHEREAS**, considering the burden the loss of electricity has caused Township residents, the Township Council is requesting other municipalities with New Jersey to join together in a Consortium of Municipalities along with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and JCP&L, to discuss the issues and concerns over the years with JCP&L and to help improve their overall services and to develop solutions with timelines and milestone in an effort to rectify these issues in a timely fashion.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of West Milford is requesting all municipalities to join in this effort to bring resolution to the issues we have all experienced in the past with a coordinated effort to exact positive change.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that a copy of the Resolution be sent to the BPU President Joseph L. Fiordaliso, Board of Public Utilities Commissioners, JCP&L, Legislators representing this Legislative District and all Municipalities in the State of New Jersey.

Adopted: May 5, 2021

Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021  
and certified as a true copy of an original

---

William Senande, Township Clerk