

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
RESOLUTION 2021-87**

**Resolution requesting Municipalities in New Jersey to join together in a Consortium of
Municipalities to help improve JCP&L overall services**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Franklin, as well as hundreds of municipalities across the State of New Jersey were without power, ranging from hours to multiple days as a 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 communications 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 Mayor and Council and residents of the Borough 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 Mayor and Council finds that JCP&L failed to provide that service in the length of time it took to restore the Borough to full power; and

WHEREAS, considering the burden the loss of electricity has caused Borough residents, the Mayor and Council is requesting other municipalities within 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 milestones in an effort to rectify these issues in a timely fashion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin 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, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to 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.

CERTIFICATION: I, Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin at a regular meeting held on September 14, 2021, at 7:00 PM.



Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES				
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONCETTO FORMICA	X			
JOSEPH LIMON				X
JOHN POSTAS	X			
STEPHEN SKELLENGER		X		
GILBERT SNYDER	X			
STEPHAN ZYDON JR.	X			
MAYOR SOWDEN (Tie Only)				