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MAYOR HORNİK SLATED TO SPEAK AT ASSEMBLY HEARING ON JCP&L'S STORM POWER FAILURES

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY (August 18, 2020) – Mayor Jonathan Hornik has been invited to give testimony at the New Jersey State Assembly Committee hearing regarding the JCP&L's storm response to the recent outages following Tropical Storm Isaias tomorrow, Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 10:00 am.

Each state utility (PSE&G, JCP&L, ACE, Orange and Rockland) will testify as to their communication strategies with local government. Mayor Hornik, along with Metuchen Mayor Jon Busch and Robbinsville Mayor David Fried will each give testimony regarding their municipality's experience following Tropical Storm Isaias. Greg Kierce, the Director of Emergency Management and Operations for Jersey City will then offer his comments.

Following JCP&L's inadequate response to the power outages caused by Tropical Storm Isaias, Mayor Jonathan Hornik sent a letter to BPU President Joseph Fiordaliso stating in part, "As Mayors, we can neither hide from nor escape taking responsibility for anything that occurs in our Towns, including the reliability of the electricity infrastructure that is owned and operated by this private company based in Ohio. Like any consumer, I merely seek JCP&L to provide a reliable service in exchange for a fair price. JCP&L fails to deliver."

Mayor Hornik said, "I am thankful to Speaker Coughlin and the Assembly for the opportunity to speak before this committee. It is my hope that this hearing will lead to JCP&L being held accountable. That the BPU will require JCP&L to invest in measurable and concrete storm response, require them to implement meaningful system upgrades and acceptable levels of disaster response, and substantially improve their communication with the public and local elected officials. JCP&L should either fix the problem or be subject to substantial penalties and consequences."

Residents can view the hearing live on <https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/> and using the link in the center of the screen to "LIVE PROCEEDINGS".

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