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Hunterdon Freeholder Director Calls For Countywide Meeting On JCP&L's Storm Performance

Holt: The Room For Improvement By JCP&L Is Vast

Hunterdon County Freeholder Director Matt Holt has called for a “deep dive post mortem meeting” that will include County and local officials, with Jersey Central Power and Light (JCPL), to seek improvements in utility’s responses to power outages and storms.

Freeholder Director Holt released the following statement:

“I stated at the March 6 Freeholder Board meeting there needs to be a meeting of representatives from our municipalities and the County, with JCP&L to do a deep dive post mortem on these events.

Many Hunterdon County Mayors and other local officials have reached out to me and other members of the Freeholder Board suggesting the need for such a meeting.

On March 3rd, I called JCPL’s long delays in response to power outages that left more than 50% of the residents of Hunterdon County without power unacceptable and, as we learn that some residents are now projected to be out of power until March 14th, I stand by that assessment.

There have been numerous company communications failures to residents and local government officials, misreports of completed repairs, and reports of long periods of delay by out of state crews unable to take action, while waiting for company direction.

The room for improvement by JCP&L is vast.

I believe all officials in Hunterdon County want to know that the power company is learning from its mistakes and is planning solutions to ensure that they are better prepared for the next storm of major proportions. Because, as we all know, there will be another one sometime in the future.”