

October 1, 2015

Re: Governor Declares Emergency in Anticipation of Hurricane Joaquin

Dear Mayor,

As you prepare at the local level to respond to your constituents' needs created by the approaching nor'easter and Hurricane Joaquin, we want to offer you a summary of some resources municipalities may access.

Earlier today, Governor Christie issued an Executive Order declaring a state of emergency in anticipation of potential severe flooding in portions of New Jersey on Friday and Saturday, and anticipation of a **potential** direct impact on the State as a result of Hurricane Joaquin. The Governor noted that the State Office of Emergency Management is active and is in contact with county and municipalities that could be impacted. The Governor also cautioned that it was still too soon to determine with any certainty of the potential impact of the storm, and that the State will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as appropriate. More information on the Executive Order is online at:

<http://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/552015/approved/20151001a.html>. We suggest that you keep an accurate accounting of unanticipated, storm related expenditures as they may be eligible for cap exception.

Additionally, we have heard from energy companies across the state that they are preparing to deploy repair crews; they have also issued cautionary warnings, urging people of the dangers of downed power lines and advising to stay away from them. Below is information specific to the individual energy companies:

JCP&L customers who are without power are encouraged to call 1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877) to report their outage, or click the "Report Outage" link on www.firstenergycorp.com. Customers can subscribe to email and text message alert notifications to receive important information in advance of major storms, and updates on extended power outages. More about these communications tools are available online at www.firstenergycorp.com/connect.

Atlantic City Electric Region President, Vincent Maione, is conducting daily conference calls for municipal officials every day at 3 p.m. for the duration of the storm. Dial in at (866) 3283013, the Participant Code is: 53006746. If you miss the call, but would like to access the recorded replay after 8 p.m., please call (609) 625-5280 for the replay dial-in information. If you need to reach Mr. Maione, please call his office at (609) 625-5280.

PSE&G is making recommendations to ensure access to affected areas. They recommend municipalities clear any clogged drains or culverts that might limit travel or road access in light of heavy rains. PSE&G also plans to schedule pre-event conference calls with municipalities and will share that schedule when it is available. They also included some useful information to

assist with family readiness below that mayors' and towns' may share on their municipal website/home page, particularly if they are in PSE&G territory.

Go to www.pseg.com/sesamestreet to download the PSE&G and Sesame Street "Let's Get Ready!" emergency preparedness app for young children.

Additional information, including how to prepare an emergency plan and kit, is available on the Office of Emergency Management website at: <http://www.ready.nj.gov/>. You may also find useful information at <http://nj-njslom.civicplus.com/359/Emergency-Management-Updates-Disaster-Ma>

. We will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as they become available.

Sincerely,

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