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Kim C. Hanemann
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Dear PSE&G President Hanemann and JCP&L President Mokoid:

I am writing on behalf of the constituents of New Jersey's 7th Congressional District, and all New Jersey families and businesses harmed by the widespread and prolonged power outages, to demand answers.

During this period of extreme heat and severe thunderstorms, many of my constituents have been or are without power for extended durations, beginning as early as Thursday, July 2nd and continuing through Tuesday, July 7th. Public reporting indicates that power may not be restored until Wednesday, July 8th or Thursday, July 9th. Families - including seniors, the ill, and those with small children - were without air conditioning for days in deadly heat, with temperatures reaching over 100 degrees. Food spoiled, medical equipment failed, and businesses were forced to close during the holiday weekend. These outages are wreaking havoc on public health and safety. Tragically, this crisis caused 29 fatalities across the state amid the heat wave and storms.

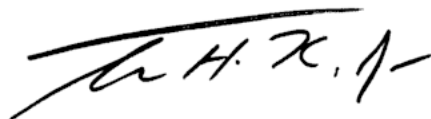
Since Thursday, I have received numerous calls from constituents in rural areas, where power outages instantly halted their water supply. Thousands have been unable to access drinking water from their faucets, cook, bathe, etc. in the scorching heat, all while being unable to leave their houses due to the danger of flood warnings and falling trees. Additionally, for the majority of New Jerseyans without landlines, the inability to charge their devices or access the internet completely isolates them from communicating with the outside world or report their own outages. This was unacceptable in 2012 after Hurricane Sandy and is even more unacceptable now. In light of this, I request that you provide answers to the following questions:

1. In detail, please explain exactly what went wrong.
2. Why is restoration taking as long as it is in certain areas?
3. What, if any, warnings or preparations did your companies make in advance of the forecasted storms and heat?
4. What steps have JCP&L and PSE&G previously taken to strengthen the grid's resilience against extreme weather events, and what steps will they take moving forward to prevent similar outages?
5. What communication and cooperation did you receive from New Jersey government agencies and leadership to prepare for and respond to this crisis?

New Jerseyans are shouldering an increasingly unsustainable financial burden from rising electric costs - facing a nearly **79%** increase over the last 20 years with a **16.9%** increase between 2024 and 2025 alone - yet New Jersey's power grid continues to fail miserably. The people of New Jersey deserve reliable power at affordable prices. On behalf of the thousands who endured lengthy outages, I ask that you immediately take action to remedy these failures.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. H. K., Jr.", with a long horizontal stroke above the letters.

Thomas Kean, Jr.
Member of Congress