

ENERGY ALERT

NEW JERSEY REQUIRES ENERGY SUPPLIERS TO INCLUDE ONE PAGE SUMMARY OF KEY TERMS AND APPROVES INTERIM TELEMARKETING RULES

On September 30, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) signed an Order requiring the inclusion of a new contract summary page for third party energy suppliers (TPS), which takes effect on November 15th. The possible inclusion of a one page summary was discussed at recent stakeholder discussions conducted by the BPU in connection with reevaluating its rules concerning TPSs. New Jersey is now in line with neighboring New York and Pennsylvania, which also require the inclusion of a summary page. The model summary page can be found [here](#). The BPU is in the process of drafting new comprehensive regulations that are expected to significantly overhaul existing TPS rules.

At the meeting, the BPU also approved new TPS telemarketing rules as required by a new law that was passed earlier this year (A3422). We expect the Office of Administrative Law will publish the new regulations in November. The law required the BPU to adopt interim regulations, and so they will take effect upon publication. We anticipate the new regulations will largely mirror the statute with some additional clarifying language. A copy of the bill detailing those changes can be found [here](#).

Stefanie Brand, Director for the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel, testified at the hearing and raised significant concerns about the practices of TPS. Director Brand noted that her office had received many calls and emails from customers who had received alarmingly high bills and sudden rate increases this winter.

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