

**NEW JERSEY STATE BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL
&
ASSOCIATED CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS OF NEW JERSEY**

To the Editor:

Your article "PSE&G frustrated by resistance to Energy Strong" ignored the tremendous opportunity New Jersey policymakers have to fire up the economic engine and provide much needed construction jobs, while improving the state's utility infrastructure.

The NJ Building and Construction Trades Council (NJBCTC) and the Associated Construction Contractors of NJ (ACCNJ) support PSE&G's "Energy Strong" proposal. Given the misery inflicted by recent storms, we are puzzled about the long delay in approving a program that would benefit all customers by reducing power outages and quicken service restorations.

PSE&G's investment in New Jersey's future will pay substantial dividends by spurring economic growth and by creating valuable jobs. PSE&G estimates that the proposal will create 5,800 jobs. NJBCTC's skilled and experienced trade union members and signatory contractors are ideally suited and prepared to carry-out this complex project.

ACCNJ and NJBCTC believe the "Energy Strong" proposal is a responsible and proactive approach. The proposal will strengthen the state's power distribution systems while creating business opportunities for New Jersey contractors, which in turn translates into job opportunities for the skilled men and women in our state's building and construction trades.

Sincerely,

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