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Dear Interested Stakeholders:

As part of our climate change regulatory reform effort – Protecting Against Climate Threats (PACT) – the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) will be holding a stakeholder meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM, and you are cordially invited to attend. The meeting will be held in the Public Hearing Room of the Department's headquarters, located at 401 E. State Street in Trenton.

As you are probably aware, Governor Murphy has set a long-term goal for the State to reach 100% clean energy by 2050. As set forth in the Energy Master Plan (EMP), reaching this goal will require a number of government agencies to work across multiple sectors. Goal 2.1.9 of the EMP calls on the Department to begin stakeholder engagement to explore rules to limit carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions. Likewise, Executive Order No. 100 (EO No. 100) requires the Department to "[e]stablish criteria that shall govern and reduce emissions of carbon dioxide." Thus, the purpose of this meeting is to seek your input on a potential rulemaking to reduce carbon emissions in the State.

The Department will provide a short presentation concerning the current level of CO₂ emissions in the State. But the focus of this meeting is to provide you with an opportunity to inform the Department on potential pathways to reduce carbon emissions in the State as we work with other agencies to achieve the goal of 100% clean energy by 2050. Please come prepared with constructive discussion points.

To keep the discussion focused, we are inviting stakeholders most likely to be affected by, or interested in, this rulemaking. Because space is limited, we ask that you send no more than one representative per organization and RSVP by Tuesday, February 18, 2020 to Carrie Dooley at the following email address Carrie.Dooley@dep.nj.gov. Please provide your name(s), email, phone number and the organization that you represent. If you have any questions regarding this stakeholder meeting, please contact Ms. Dooley at 609-292-0834.

For more information about PACT, DEP's regulatory agenda to reduce emissions and help New Jersey adapt to the impacts of climate change, please visit:

<https://www.nj.gov/dep/njpact/>

To review the EMP or EO No. 100, you may visit:

https://www.bpu.state.nj.us/bpu/pdf/publicnotice/NJBPU_EMP.pdf

https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/approved/eo_archive.html.

Sincerely,



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