

COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-246

**TITLE: RESOLUTION URGING A COMPREHENSIVE INDEPENDENT
INVESTIGATION AND PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF NEW JERSEY'S
ELECTRIC UTILITIES**

WHEREAS, reliable electric service is essential to protecting the public health, safety, welfare, economic security, and quality of life of New Jersey residents; and

WHEREAS, municipalities depend upon reliable electric service to operate police, fire, emergency medical services, emergency communications, traffic-control systems, water and wastewater infrastructure, schools, and other essential public services; and

WHEREAS, prolonged power outages jeopardize public safety, disrupt commerce, impair municipal operations, threaten vulnerable residents, and impose significant financial burdens upon families, businesses, and local governments; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey residents and businesses pay substantial electric rates, delivery charges, and infrastructure-related costs with the reasonable expectation of receiving safe, adequate, reliable, and resilient electric service; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's electric distribution companies operate as regulated monopolies, leaving most customers without the ability to choose an alternative electric distribution provider based upon reliability or performance; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey residents, businesses, and municipalities pay substantial electric rates, delivery charges, and infrastructure-related costs with the reasonable expectation that those payments will produce safe, adequate, reliable, resilient, and modern electric service; and

WHEREAS, taxpayers and ratepayers are often the same people and are entitled to transparency, accountability, and measurable results for the rates, charges, and government-approved costs they are required to pay; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities is responsible for ensuring that regulated utilities provide safe, adequate, and proper service, while the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel serves as the independent advocate for New Jersey ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, recent widespread and prolonged power outages affecting hundreds of thousands of New Jersey residents have raised legitimate concerns regarding utility infrastructure, maintenance, vegetation management, emergency preparedness, restoration performance, and regulatory oversight; and

WHEREAS, recurring electric outages over many years demonstrate the need for a comprehensive, transparent, and independent review of electric utility performance and regulatory accountability;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Englewood Cliffs, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that it respectfully urges the Governor, the New Jersey Legislature, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel, and the Office of the State Auditor to undertake a comprehensive and independent investigation and performance audit of New Jersey's electric utilities.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution, consisting of 2 page(s) was adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Englewood Cliffs, held this 14th day of October 2026.

	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Biegacz			✓				
Liang	✓		✓				
Patel		✓	✓				
Kapsaskis			✓				
Lee			✓				
Koutroubas			✓				
Mayor Park							



Mark Park
Mayor



Intashan Chowdhury, MPA
Temporary Deputy Municipal Clerk