

CHAPTER 39

AN ACT concerning street light outage reporting and supplementing Title 48 of the Revised Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.48:7-1.1 Street light outage reporting plan.

1. Each electric public utility, as defined in section 3 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-51), shall, upon the direction of the Board of Public Utilities, prepare and file with the Board of Public Utilities, a street light outage plan within the electric public utility's service territory. The plan shall be designed for the provision of reasonably prompt reporting of street light outages, and may include the following:

a. Methods to inform and educate the public and local officials concerning utilization of the electric public utility's existing street light outage reporting system;

b. Methods to identify and monitor street light outages in areas where outages may occur with increased frequency due to human interference, or where street light outages may pose an increased risk to public safety. An electric public utility shall engage local elected officials and law enforcement as appropriate;

c. Information regarding factors which contribute to the cost, timing, and manner of work required for street light outage restoration, such as whether restoration may involve the maintenance or repair of equipment that is located underground; and

d. Any method to improve the reporting and restoration of street light outages, which the electric public utility determines is reasonable.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved May 4, 2015.