

RESOLUTION NO. 18-141

**TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING SUPPORT FROM NEW JERSEY TRANSIT REGARDING JUDGE
GAIL COOKSON'S DECISION ON THE SO-CALLED JCP&L RELIABILITY PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Jersey Central Power & Light Company ("JCP&L") announced plans for a 230,000 kilovolt transmission line with 140+ foot high monopoles along the New Jersey Transit right-of-way running through the Township of Middletown; and

WHEREAS, a similar project was proposed by JCP&L in 1989, but was withdrawn in the face of overwhelming opposition and lack of need; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Middletown has serious concerns related to the health, safety and aesthetics of JCP&L's recent plan; and

WHEREAS, it is the ruling by Judge Gail Cookson that JCP&L has not met its burden of proof to show the need for the project; and

WHEREAS, the utility also failed to give much more than "little or no consideration" to alternative corridors and ignored non-transmission solutions entirely.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that it hereby formally requests the full support from New Jersey Transit to abide by Judge Cookson's decision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the Executive Director of New Jersey Transit, urging New Jersey Transit to not grant an easement to JCP&L for the proposed project.