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7:30am - Here is the latest power restoration information. Please pass this along. We will have a new JCP&L Manager assigned to our township. The JCP&L manager I was dealing with was giving us information that was not correct. Hence the previous reports of 425 people getting turned on on Monday, 8 crews coming today, etc etc. I have lodged a complaint with Congressman Garrett's office and will do the same with our Governors office and the Board of Public Utilities.

Here are the facts: There are crews working on the circuits leading into our township. This process is going much more slowly than anticipated - not just for Frelinghuysen, but all townships. For example - Morris Township has over 30,000 people still without power. We will not be forgotten because of our size.

On the Mayor's / OEM call today the President of JCP&L told the group that the entire service area will have power by Saturday night with a few single-house exceptions. No crews will be released until all are brought back with power. That is the best information I can provide. Over the past week, in my zeal to provide specific information I have raised false expectations - I will no longer give out any specific projection of power restoration. I realize that this is not the news you want to hear but it's all I have. Note: the rumors of us getting power back in December, Xmas, or never and having Frelinghuysen host the next season of "Survivor" are not true!

I have a favor to ask: Many of the more strident calls I've received come from residents who think I work for JCPL. The Frelinghuysen OEM is an appointed position for which I accept no compensation. It is perfectly acceptable to question my sanity and I am happy to be an advocate to JCP&L on our behalf but my ability to put us at the front of the "power restoration line" is very limited.

As always please please contact me with any safety issue. Please be extra careful over the next few days, watch out for your neighbors and we'll all get through this in good shape. I once again thank you for your support.

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Township of Frelinghuysen OEM