

July 26, 2018

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
Attn.: Aida Camacho, Secretary
44 South Clinton Ave., 3rd Floor, Suite 314, CN350
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Re: Docket No. QX18040466; Offshore Wind Solicitation of 1,100 Megawatts

Dear Ms. Camacho-Welch,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit public comments in support of procurement of offshore wind resources. As a New Jersey resident concerned with climate change projections and impacts to our coastal state, it's imperative that we explore all avenues available to accelerate the transition to renewable energy.

In consultation with industry, [Action Together NJ](#) supports the BPU taking action that encourages cooperation between developers and states (NY and NJ) regarding connecting to the electrical grid, especially to the many users in northern NJ. We request that the BPU moves quickly to issue the first Request for Proposal so that NJ developers can take advantage of federal tax incentives and allow for multiple bids at different levels (minimum 400MW) to maximize competition.

The bids should allow for creativity and flexibility such as encouraging energy storage options, as they did in the Massachusetts bids and flexibility in local requirements so the supply chain can't cross state lines to provide components and services.

Furthermore the BPU should develop an orderly, open, systematic schedule of Request for Proposals over the next 12 years to reach 3,500MW by 2030. The BPU should set a criteria ensuring the offshore wind developers competing have the financial viability and technical expertise to complete the project on time. It should also require developers/bidders to present their plans to minimize impacts on marine mammals and other sensitive species, commercial fishing, and navigation.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate the opportunity to contribute.

Best regards,

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