

July 26, 2018

Board of Public Utilities
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RE: Docket No. QX18040466 – Offshore Wind Solicitation of 1,100 Megawatts (MW)

Dear Secretary Camacho-Welch,

On behalf of the New Jersey Energy Coalition, I respectfully submit the following comments in response to the Notice published by the Board of Public Utilities (“BPU”) on June 29, 2018.

For the past eleven years, the New Jersey Energy Coalition has been a reliable third-party voice advocating for the need of a broad energy platform. We promote key activities and initiatives which support the production and delivery of clean, reliable and affordable American energy which will help meet New Jersey’s energy needs.

The potential for Offshore Wind within New Jersey is monumental. New Jersey is fortunate to have multiple lease sites that have the potential to generate power for millions of households. With this in mind, it is important that the NJBPU proceed in a direction that can implement all 3,500 MW of pledged offshore wind capacity in a sustainable, economical way. An offshore wind supply chain will have the ability to stimulate substantial economic activity in the State by creating hundreds of jobs and by attracting millions in investment. New Jersey should be dedicated to making this a reality by going about the solicitation process in the most beneficial manner possible.

There are three principles that should help guide the development of Offshore Wind in New Jersey. Those include;

- 1) Enabling competition for the solicitation of the first 1,100 MW and all 3,500 MW the State is asking for;
- 2) Prioritizing project viability- New Jersey wants projects that are serious possibilities in order to get to 3,500 MW of Offshore Wind by 2030; and
- 3) Establishing a stable, long-term commitment to Offshore Wind.

The Governor has set forth a nation-leading goal of 3,500 MW of Offshore Wind by 2030, and it is going to take nation-leading policies and decisions to make his goal our reality.

Respectfully,
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