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Mr. Jim Ferris New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor Trenton New Jersey 08625-0350

## RE: Draft New Jersey Offshore Wind Second Solicitation Guidance Document Comments (Docket No. QO20070478)

Dear Mr. Ferris,

EDP Renewables (EDPR) commends the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) on the issuance of the Draft Solicitation Guidance Document for the Second Offshore Wind Solicitation (Draft Guidance Document) for up to 2,400 MW of offshore wind energy capacity. NJBPU's commitment to moving the State closer to meeting Governor Phil Murphy's goal of 7,500 MW of offshore wind energy by 2035 fosters confidence for investors like EDP Renewables (EDPR).

EDPR is a global leader in the renewable energy sector and the world's fourth-largest wind energy producer. As a company, we are committed to the principles of sustainability and to the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement which calls for the decarbonization of society critical to the future health of our oceans and ecosystem. With a sound development pipeline, first class assets, and market-leading operating capacity, EDPR has undergone exceptional development in recent years and is currently present in 14 markets worldwide and active in offshore wind markets in the United States, Europe and Asia. Currently, EDPR owns and operates over 2,000 MW of wind generation inside the PJM Interconnection LLC (PJM) control area. In New England, EDPR is part of a joint-venture currently developing the Mayflower offshore wind project (Lease OCS-A 0521) with a potential installed capacity of over 1.6GW. EDPR has other investments in offshore wind in the United States as well as around the world, including Windfloat Atlantic, the first operational floating offshore wind farm located off the coast of Portugal.

EDPR is actively seeking opportunities to help advance New Jersey's climate protection and economic development goals through the development of offshore wind. The Guidance Document includes information on the timeline and mechanisms of the second solicitation, the application requirements, and the criteria for evaluating applications. Overall EDPR finds the solicitation document very

informative and well structured. We do not have further comments at this time but appreciate the opportunity to participate in future discussions and stakeholder meetings on offshore wind.

We look forward to working with the New Jersey team in building a clean energy future for New Jersey's residents and ratepayers.

Sincerely for EDPR Offshore North America LLC,

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