

# Ocean Wind 2 Offshore Wind Farm

OREC Application
Attachments to Section 8

December 2020



**Attachment 8.1 – EEW Letter of Support** 



EEW American Offshore Structures Inc 6 West Spruce Ave. Moorestown, New Jersey 08057

December 7th, 2020

President Fiordaliso
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
44 S. Clinton Avenue
Trenton, NJ 08625

RE: EEW Letter of Support for the Ocean Wind 2 (OCW02) Project

Dear President Fiordaliso

On behalf of EEW American Offshore Structures, I am pleased to provide this Letter of Support to Ørsted in assistance of its Ocean Wind 2 proposal in response to the solicitation prepared by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities for additional Offshore Wind capacity issued on September 10 2020.

EEW has a longstanding partnership with Ørsted and has supplied over 976 monopiles to numerous Ørsted projects in recent years. Our partnership is further strengthened through the well-publicized collaboration to construct a Phase 1 monopile manufacturing facility at the Port of Paulsboro which will be realized to support the Ocean Wind 1 Project. The Phase 1 project is underway, and the factory will be constructed in the coming year, bringing desperately needed jobs to Paulsboro.

In connection with New Jersey's second offshore wind solicitation, EEW is in the final phase of negotiating an exclusive Pre-Development Agreement with Ørsted to fund, develop, construct and staff an expanded Phase 2 monopile facility at the Port of Paulsboro and source the monopiles from EEW. This will realize the vision of Orsted, EEW and New Jersey for a fully operational monopile factory, and creation of long-term manufacturing jobs that will support the offshore wind industry for decades.

Based on this Pre-Development Agreement Ørsted and EEW will be exclusive partners for the Phase 2 plans and EEW has no firm factory enablement local content commitment of this sort with other solicitation participants.

The Paulsboro factory, along with the NJ Wind Port, will clearly establish South Jersey as the epicenter of manufacturing for specialized steel products which will be delivered to the nation's offshore wind projects. We strongly feel establishment of this factory will result additional supply chain being attracted to New Jersey as has been the case at European offshore wind ports.

The partnership between Ørsted and EEW secures the necessary funding to establish Phase 2 of the Paulsboro facility and should be considered a signal of strong faith in the US offshore wind industry and in New Jersey as the future hub for the offshore wind supply chain. Successful establishment of



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such a facility can only happen in collaboration with a long-standing partner who possess a world leading project pipeline and proven track record of delivering large scale offshore wind projects on schedule. Thus, EEW have partnered exclusively with Ørsted to realize this plan.

The monopile factory is an extremely capital-intensive project, that results in significant job creation. We believe that EEW AOS- Paulsboro will have first mover advantage and likely be the only monopile factory in the US. Our clear mission is to supply monopiles from New Jersey to the 25GW of announced projects along the East Coast.

Furthermore, EEW can, in this respect, confirm that it will use its best and reasonable efforts to place contracts with the local New Jersey supply chain, both for construction as well as ongoing operations, and we project that the realization of this project will deliver more than 500 direct long-term manufacturing jobs and increase statewide GDP by more than 6 billion USD over the next 20 years.

Further information relating to this opportunity is contained within the Phase 2 Monopile Manufacturing Facility Execution plan which supports this bid.

We look forward to a successful outcome in the upcoming solicitation and to further collaboration with the state of New Jersey.

Sincerely,

Lee Laurendeau

**CEO** 

**EEW American Offshore Structures** 



Attachment 8.2 –



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Attachment 8.3 –



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**Attachment 8.4 – Stakeholder Letters of Support** 



November 13, 2020

Joseph Fiordaliso, President New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 So. Clinton Ave, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Trenton, NJ 08625

### Dear President Fiordaliso:

On behalf of the Atlantic County Economic Alliance, I am pleased to provide a letter of support for Ørsted's Ocean Wind 2 project in response to the BPU's solicitation for offshore wind energy proposals. I am confident Ørsted will use the synergies and momentum generated from its first successful Ocean Wind bid to provide even more efficiencies and benefits to the state.

The NJBPU's procurement of up to 2,400 MW of offshore wind energy will help serve the state with clean energy while continuing to develop a new American industry that will create opportunities for jobs and economic development. This solicitation request also helps to further Governor Murphy's goal of 7,500 MW of offshore wind energy by 2035.

New Jersey's coastline presents ideal conditions for the development of offshore wind. These assets, coupled with the state's large demand for power and ambitious energy goals, give New Jersey a unique opportunity to host a new industry, ripe with opportunities, which includes attracting the offshore wind supply chain here.

As the company that was awarded the State's first 1,100 MW of offshore wind work, Ørsted is in the process of completing the engineering, site, and survey work required to complete the initial phase of Ocean Wind development.

Ørsted is engaging in conversations with supply chain partners and existing business owners interested in building or growing their operations in New Jersey. The company has recently announced its Pro-NJ Grantor Trust initiative, dedicating \$15 million toward small business growth and coastal resiliency projects. Ørsted is mindful of how the training and hiring of a local workforce contribute to a successful Ocean Wind project.

Communication has been key for Ørsted as the company engages in public education and public outreach efforts designed to help New Jersey stakeholders understand the complexities and timing involved with building the State's first offshore wind farm. These conversations and interactions, while covering the business and technical aspects of developing the State's offshore wind project, are also deeply rooted and focused on the company's commitment to environmental stewardship.

As part of its Ocean Wind development, Ørsted signed memorandums of understanding with Rutgers, Rowan, Stockton, and Montclair Universities to create innovative research projects that









expand student and faculty knowledge and experience in the development of offshore wind. At the high school level, Ørsted is working with the Atlantic City Boys and Girls Club to educate students about job opportunities within the offshore wind industry. These actions help demonstrate the company's commitment to educating the future workers in this new industry.

I hope you'll agree Ørsted has been a solid, reliable and experienced partner who will continue to be a responsible developer, today and through its work leading up to the construction and completion of the Ocean Wind project. We hope the company will be given an opportunity to continue the work it has started and build upon its successes to date.

Sincerely,

Lauren H. Moore, Jr. President



### New Jersey

# ALLIANCE for ACTION INC.

PHILIP K. BEACHEM

President

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Vice President

November 6, 2020

Honorable Joseph Fiordaliso President New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue, 7th Floor Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear President Fiordaliso:

The Alliance for Action is a non-partisan and non-profit association of thousands of business, labor, government, utility, higher education and other New Jersey leaders dedicated to promoting environmentally friendly infrastructure investment and capital construction to improve the economy, environment and quality of life. Since 1974 our work to improve New Jersey's transportation, water, education, power, health care and other systems have made our state a better place to live, work and visit.

Congratulations on the Board of Public Utilities solicitation of up to 2,400 MW of additional offshore wind energy. It's a great step toward reaching New Jersey's goal of developing 7,500 MW of offshore wind energy by 2035.

The Alliance for Action is pleased to learn Ørsted has submitted plans for the Ocean Wind 2 project. As the company that was awarded the state's first 1,100 MW of offshore wind work, Ørsted is completing the engineering, site and survey work required to complete the initial phase of the Ocean Wind development. The synergies, momentum and lessons learned from Ocean Wind will help provide even more efficiencies and benefits as New Jersey works toward its goal of becoming the national leader of the offshore wind energy industry.

The Alliance for Action is looking forward to working with you as the offshore wind solicitations move forward. The industry is creating jobs and economic development. It's also helping New Jersey reach its clean energy goals. Simply said, it's great for our future.

Sincerely,

Gerald T. Keenan

President



ALPINE OCEAN SEISMIC SURVEY, INC.

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November 19th, 2020

Joseph Fiordaliso President, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 So. Clinton Ave, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear President Fiordaliso:

On behalf of Alpine Ocean Seismic Survey, Inc. (Alpine), a New Jersey corporation, I am pleased to provide a letter of support for Ørsted's Ocean Wind 2 project in response to the BPU's solicitation for offshore wind energy proposals. I am confident Ørsted will use the synergies and momentum generated from its first, successful Ocean Wind bid to provide even more efficiencies and benefits to the state.

As the company that was awarded the state's first 1,100 MW of offshore wind work, Ørsted is in the process of completing the engineering, site and survey work required to complete the initial phase of Ocean Wind development. Alpine has been directly involved in this process and has already benefited significantly from Ørsted's efforts to develop the wind farm. Besides being awarded a multi-million dollar contract to perform data acquisition services related to the development of Ocean Wind 1, Ørsted has proven itself to be a partner in helping to grow and improve Alpine's operations and capabilities. I strongly feel that Ørsted will apply the same positive approach to their development of Ocean Wind 2, and Alpine is looking forward to participating in the opportunities that the new project will bring.

New Jersey's coastline presents ideal conditions for the development of offshore wind. These assets, coupled with the state's large demand for power and ambitious energy goals, give New Jersey a unique opportunity to host a new industry, ripe with opportunities, which includes attracting the offshore wind supply chain here. If Alpine's involvement in the process is any indication, Ørsted's commitment to the state will create significant opportunities for other companies that have the skills and capability to support the project as well as providing companies that want to enter the market with opportunities to learn and participate. As a matter of fact, as part of its Ocean Wind development, Ørsted signed memorandums of understanding with Rutgers, Rowan, Stockton and Montclair Universities to create innovative research projects that expand student and faculty knowledge and experience in the development of offshore wind. At the high school level, Ørsted is working with the Atlantic City Boys and Girls Club to educate students about job opportunities within the offshore wind industry. These actions help demonstrate the company's commitment to educating the future workers in this new industry and will greatly benefit many NJ corporations, including Alpine.

Ørsted has been a solid, reliable and experienced partner for Alpine and the state of NJ, who will continue to be a responsible developer, today and through its work leading up to the construction and completion of the Ocean Wind project. We hope the company will be given an opportunity to continue the work it has started and build upon its successes to date.

Best Regards,

Robert Mecarini President



### **Our Mission**

To provide the resources for the development of young people, from all backgrounds, to realize their full potential as responsible, caring adults.

December 2, 2020

Joseph Fiordaliso NJBPU, 44 So. Clinton Ave, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear President Fiordaliso:

On behalf of the Boys & Girls Club of Atlantic City, I am pleased to provide a letter of support for Ørsted's Ocean Wind 2 project in response to the BPU's solicitation for offshore wind energy proposals. We are confident that Ørsted will use the synergies and momentum generated from its first, successful Ocean Wind bid to provide even more efficiencies and benefits to the state. The NJBPU's procurement of up to 2,400 MW of offshore wind energy will help serve the state with clean energy while continuing to develop a new American industry that will create opportunities for jobs and economic development. This solicitation request also helps to further Governor Murphy's goal of 7,500 MW of offshore wind energy by 2035.

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We hope you'll agree Ørsted has been a solid, reliable and experienced partner who will continue to be a responsible developer, today and through its work leading up to the construction and completion of the Ocean Wind project. We hope the company will be given an opportunity to continue the work it has started and build upon its successes to date.

Sincerely.

Stephanie Koch, MSW

Chief Executive Officer



21st CCLC Program at the Boys & Girls Club of Atlantic City

This project was funded in its entirety Under Title IV, Part B of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) grant funds through a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Education.



Please remit payment to:

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### Invoice

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> Invoice Date: 8/19/2020 Invoice Number: 38038

> > Due on receipt

Description	Quantity	Rate	Amount
Annual Dinner - Platinum	1	\$2,275.00	\$2,275.00
		Total:	\$2,275.00
		Payment/Credit Applied:	\$0.00
		Balance:	\$2,275.00

Make checks payable to Cape May County Chamber of Commerce and note invoice number on memo line or enter credit card information below.

Cape May County Chamber of Commerce P.O. Box 74 Cape May Court House, NJ 08210	
Payment Method: Check #	_ Credit Card Amount Paid: \$
Address:	Credit Card #:
City/State/Zip:	Exp. Date: Code (3 or 4 digits)
Signature:	_ Invoice Number: 38038   Member ID: 10525

The Vision of the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce is to be the county's premier business resource, championing economic prosperity, tourism development and legislative advocacy.



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November 12, 2020

Joseph Fiordaliso President, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 So. Clinton Ave, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Trenton, NJ 08625

### Dear President Fiordaliso:

On behalf of the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce, we are pleased to provide this letter of support for Ørsted's Ocean Wind 2 project in response to the BPU's solicitation for offshore wind energy proposals. We are confident Ørsted will use the synergies and momentum generated from its first, successful Ocean Wind bid to provide even more efficiencies and benefits to New Jersey.

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As the company that was awarded the state's first 1,100 MW of offshore wind work, it is our understanding that Ørsted is in the process of completing the engineering, site and survey work required to complete the initial phase of Ocean Wind development.

We have found Ørsted to be very engaging in its communications with supply chain partners and existing businesses interested in building or growing their operations in New Jersey. The Cape May County Chamber hosted an informational Forum last February (which we were pleased to have you attend), that showed great interest from the business community in the project and we look forward in working with Ørsted in the future to offer similar informational programs in Cape May County.

We hope you'll agree Ørsted has been a solid, reliable and experienced partner who will continue to be a responsible developer, today and through its work leading up to the construction and completion of the Ocean Wind project. We hope the company will be given an opportunity to continue the work it has started and build upon its successes to date.

Sincerely,

Vicki Clark, IOM

ichi J. Clark

President



November 10, 2020

Joseph Fiordaliso President, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 So. Clinton Ave, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Trenton, NJ 08625

### Dear President Fiordaliso:

On behalf of Atlantic City Development Corporation, I am pleased to provide a letter of support for Ørsted's Ocean Wind 2 project in response to the BPU's solicitation for offshore wind energy proposals. I am confident Ørsted will use the synergies and momentum generated from its first, successful Ocean Wind bid to provide even more efficiencies and benefits to the state.

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I hope you'll agree Ørsted has been a solid, reliable and experienced partner who will continue to be a responsible developer, today and through its work leading up to the construction and completion of the Ocean Wind project. We hope the company will be given an opportunity to continue the work it has started and build upon its successes to date.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Paladino



PO BOX 406 SEASIDE PARK, NJ 08752 732-778-2161

November 6, 2020

Joseph Fiordaliso President, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 So. Clinton Ave, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Trenton, NJ 08625

#### Dear President Fiordaliso:

On behalf of The Friends of Island Beach State Park I am pleased to provide a letter of support for Ørsted's Ocean Wind 2 project in response to the BPU's solicitation for offshore wind energy proposals. We are confident Ørsted will use the synergies and momentum generated from its first, successful Ocean Wind bid to provide even more efficiencies and benefits to the state.

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We hope you'll agree Ørsted has been a solid, reliable and experienced partner who will continue to be a responsible developer, today and through its work leading up to the construction and completion of the Ocean Wind project. We hope the company will be given an opportunity to continue the work it has started and build upon its successes to date.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Perry President

Kathryn Perry



# City of Atlantic City Honorable Kaleem Shabazz Third Ward Council Member

December 4, 2020

Joseph Fiordaliso President New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Trenton, New Jersey 08625

### Dear President Fiordaliso:

I am pleased to provide a letter of support for Ørsted's Ocean Wind 2 project in response to the BPU's solicitation for offshore wind energy proposals. I am confident Ørsted will use the synergies and momentum generated from its first, successful Ocean Wind bid to provide even more efficiencies and benefits to the state. The NJBPU's procurement of up to 2,400 MW of offshore wind energy will help serve the state with clean energy while continuing to develop a new American industry that will create opportunities for jobs and economic development. This solicitation request also helps to further Governor Murphy's goal of 7,500 MW of offshore wind energy by 2035.

As Council Member of the Third Ward of Atlantic City, I have had opportunities to work with Ørsted and I am pleased that City Council recently approved a redevelopment plan to support the development of an O&M Facility in Atlantic City. Our City is at a crossroads, needing to diversify its opportunities to generate jobs and needed revenues. Offshore wind and working with Ørsted offers our City that opportunity.

New Jersey's coastline presents ideal conditions for the development of offshore wind and Atlantic City is at the geographic center of the activity. We have existing marine facilities as well as an available workforce that make Atlantic City perfectly suited to host a new industry. We see abounding opportunities for the City, including attracting the offshore wind developers and their supply chain here.

Communication has been key for Ørsted as the company engages in public education and public outreach efforts designed to help New Jersey stakeholders understand the complexities and timing involved with building the state's first offshore wind farm. These conversations and interactions while covering the business and technical aspects of developing the state's offshore wind project, are also deeply rooted and focused on the company's commitment to environmental stewardship.

As part of its Ocean Wind development, Ørsted signed memorandums of understanding New Jersey universities including Stockton and Rowan in the southern part of the state to create innovative research projects that expand student and faculty knowledge and experience in the development of offshore wind.

At the high school level, I am also pleased to note that Ørsted is working with the Atlantic City Boys and Girls Club to educate students about job opportunities within the offshore wind industry. These actions help demonstrate the company's commitment to educating the future workers in this new industry. For that we are grateful.

I hope you'll agree Ørsted has been a solid, reliable and experienced partner who will continue to be a responsible developer, today and through its work leading up to the construction and completion of the Ocean Wind project. We hope the company will be given an opportunity to continue the work it has started and build upon its successes to date.

Yours truly,

Kaleem Shabazz

Third Ward Council Member

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City of Atlantic City



# Township of Lacey

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNING BODY 818 W. LACEY ROAD FORKED RIVER, NJ 08731 (609) 693-1100, ext. 2200

November 4, 2020

Joseph Fiordaliso President, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 So. Clinton Ave, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Trenton, NJ 08625

### Dear President Fiordaliso:

On behalf of the Township of Lacey, I am pleased to provide a letter of support for Ørsted's Ocean Wind 2 project in response to the BPU's solicitation for offshore wind energy proposals. The Township is confident Ørsted will use the synergies and momentum generated from its first, successful Ocean Wind bid to provide even more efficiencies and benefits to the state.

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Sincerely,

Steven Kennis, Mayor

Lacey Township



November 24, 2020

Joseph Fiordaliso President, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 So. Clinton Ave, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Trenton, NJ 08625

### Dear President Fiordaliso:

On behalf of the JINGOLI organization, I am pleased to provide a letter of support for Ørsted's Ocean Wind 2 project in response to the BPU's solicitation for offshore wind energy proposals. I am confident Ørsted will use the synergies and momentum generated from its first, successful Ocean Wind bid to provide even more efficiencies and benefits to the state.

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Our company is presently working with Ørsted and the Boys and Girls Club of Atlantic City in a collaboration called Live Classroom, part of the JINGOLI Competitive Edge Program. Weekly sessions are held with Atlantic City juniors and seniors who have expressed interest in jobs following graduation. Various aspects of the offshore wind industry as well as construction insights are shared with the participants.

In addition, Ørsted is engaging in conversations with supply chain partners and existing business owners interested in building or growing their operations in New Jersey. The company has plans to introduce its Pro-NJ Grantor Trust initiative, dedicating \$15M toward small business growth and coastal resiliency projects. Ørsted is mindful of how the training and hiring of a local workforce contribute to a successful Ocean Wind project.

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Sincerely,

Joseph Jingoli



## NATURAL RESOURCE EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF NEW JERSEY

PO Box 747 ~ Waretown, NJ 08758 (609) 698-8003 voice (732) 782-0311 fax www.LighthouseCenterNJ.org

November 10, 2020

Mr. Joseph Fiordaliso President, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 So. Clinton Ave, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Trenton, NJ 08625

### Dear President Fiordaliso:

On behalf of Natural Resource Education Foundation of NJ (NREFNJ), I am pleased to provide a letter of support for Ørsted's Ocean Wind 2 project in response to the BPU's solicitation for offshore wind energy proposals. Myself and the Board of Directors of the NREFNJ are confident Ørsted will use the synergies and momentum generated from its first, successful Ocean Wind bid to provide even more efficiencies and benefits to the state.

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This fits our mission of environmental education at the Lighthouse Center for Natural Resource Education and we hope to include wind power as part of our educational offerings in the future.

We hope you'll agree Ørsted has been a solid, reliable and experienced partner who will continue to be a responsible developer, today and through its work leading up to the construction and completion of the Ocean Wind project. We hope the company will be given an opportunity to continue the work it has started and build upon its successes to date.

Sincerely,

Pola Galie, Operations Manager

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November 17, 2020

Mr. Joseph Fiordaliso President, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 So. Clinton Ave, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Trenton, NJ 08625

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Sincerely,

John Amodeo, Commissioner of Public Safety

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### **BOROUGH OF AVALON**

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November 4, 2020

Joseph Fiordaliso President, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 So. Clinton Ave, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear President Fiordaliso:

On behalf of the Borough of Avalon, I am pleased to provide a letter of support for Ørsted's Ocean Wind 2 project in response to the BPU's solicitation for offshore wind energy proposals. I have served our Borough as Mayor since 1991, and have been in repeated meetings with company officials. I am confident Ørsted will use the synergies and momentum generated from its first, successful Ocean Wind bid to provide even more efficiencies and benefits to the state.

The NJBPU's procurement of up to 2,400 MW of offshore wind energy will help serve the state with clean energy while continuing to develop a new American industry that will create opportunities for jobs and economic development. I personally recognize that this type of energy production is long overdue and will help meet the state's energy needs for years to come.

New Jersey's coastline presents ideal conditions for the development of offshore wind. Company officials have taken the time to meet with me and our administration to show us the proposed visual impact on our small section of the New Jersey coastline and they have been very responsive to our questions.

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Avalon remains hopeful you'll agree Ørsted has been a solid, reliable and experienced partner who will continue to be a responsible developer, today and through its work leading up to the construction and completion of the Ocean Wind project. We hope the company will be given an opportunity to continue the work it has started and build upon its successes to date.

Sincerely,

Martin L. Pagliughi

Mayor Avalon, NJ

Cc: Avalon Borough Council Avalon Municipal Clerk



November 12, 2020

Joseph Fiordaliso President, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 So. Clinton Ave, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear President Fiordaliso:

On behalf of New Jersey SHARES, I am pleased to provide a letter of support for Ørsted's Ocean Wind 2 project in response to the BPU's solicitation for offshore wind energy proposals. I am confident Ørsted will use the synergies and momentum generated from its first, successful Ocean Wind bid to provide even more efficiencies and benefits to the state.

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Sincerely,

Cheryl Stowell, CEO

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November 16, 2020

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 S. Clinton Avenue Trenton, NJ 08625

To Whom It May Concern:

The State of New Jersey is making significant progress toward realizing the clean energy goals of Governor Murphy, which call for 7,500 MW of offshore wind energy by 2035 to establish New Jersey as a leader in offshore wind development. The growing industry has the potential to create thousands of jobs for New Jersey, and can generate additional in-state economic opportunities. Increasing wind energy generation also provides the key for broader goals for the state; lowered energy prices due to increased generation can New Jersey residents and ratepayers and promote equity, while reducing greenhouse gas emissions in generation can help mitigate climate change impacts and improve environmental and air quality at both local and global scales.

Montclair State University, a public research university and the second largest university in Jersey, is supporting the State in achieving its offshore wind energy goals. Montclair State has an established history of academic and research achievement in renewable energy, and has partnered with numerous state agencies and offshore wind developers to facilitate and inform various projects. These partnerships provide mutually beneficial synergies, giving these entities cutting edge research and modeling capabilities while providing the university with muchneeded resources that help us educate students and expand both research and outreach initiatives. The Clean Energy and Sustainability Analytics Center (CESAC) at Montclair State serves as a public research and technical assistance center for New Jersey, and actively works towards promoting offshore wind. The Center's approach is rooted in objective, science-based analyses that can be used for offshore wind energy and related environmental planning. CESAC is conducting clean energy research of in various forms, and has conducted research studies in collaboration with state agencies such as the Board of Public Utilities and the Department of Environmental Protection. Currently, researchers at CESAC are developing and refining a suite of economic models that can be used by Board of Public Utilities to assist in the assessment of various clean energy programs and projects under the Clean Energy Act, including economywide models, and an integrated energy, economic, and environmental model. The Center is also working on assessing the impacts of potential leakage from New Jersey rejoining the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative using innovative modeling techniques and contribute towards ensuring that New Jersey's policies and actions have their intended effect.

Montclair State University is also identifying environmental and economic solutions related to clean energy so as to contribute towards an objective, science-based approach that can be used to develop offshore wind not only to foster economic growth, but also to ensure that it is undertaken in an environmentally responsible manner. Possible areas of interest include, but

are not limited to, studies and projects using economic and energy optimization modeling/forecasting, policy and program assessments, monitoring and evaluation studies, ecosystem service and natural capital assessments, stakeholder impact assessments and outreach, workforce development through offshore wind related apprenticeships, and internships and training programs.

Montclair State University stands firm in our commitment to serve New Jersey and contribute to the collective effort to build a sustainable energy economy in the state. We are eager to play our part in the development of a flourishing offshore wind industry that benefits state's residents and businesses alike.

We authorize Ocean Wind, LLC to include this letter in its application for an Offshore Renewable Energy Certificate to the NJ BPU.

Sincerely,

Lora Billings, PhD

Dean, Professor of Applied Mathematics

College of Science and Mathematics



November 11, 2020

Joseph Fiordaliso President, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 So. Clinton Ave, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear President Fiordaliso,

On behalf of The Wetlands Institute, I am pleased to write in support of Ørsted's Ocean Wind 2 project. I have been working with Ørsted on the Ocean Wind Project and am confident Ørsted will use the synergies and momentum generated from its first, successful Ocean Wind bid to provide even more efficiencies and benefits to the state.

I have been impressed with Ørsted's professionalism and effectiveness in moving forward with the Ocean Wind project and the engaging approach they have been taking to help develop and build operations in New Jersey that include others in the supply chain and their commitment to help move New Jersey forward towards a more sustainable future.

I have attended several community open houses and have been impressed with the effective communications that are so important to garnering public support and understanding for project of this scale and complexity and believe that their track record thus far will help ensure their effectives in Ocean Wind 2 should they be awarded the contract.

I hope you'll agree Ørsted has been a solid, reliable and experienced partner who will continue to be a responsible developer, today and through its work leading up to the construction and completion of the Ocean Wind project. We hope the company will be given an opportunity to continue the work it has started and build upon its successes to date.

Sincerely yours,

Lenore P. Tedesco, PhD

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**Executive Director** 





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Dear President Fiordaliso:

Please accept the following comments regarding Ørsted's Ocean Wind 2 project.

The Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Environmental Lobby wholeheartedly supports the Ocean Wind 2 proposal.

The BPU's solicitation for the development of an additional 2400 MW of wind power is vital to New Jersey's goal of 7500 MW by 2035. Ørsted's record of projects, particularly in harsh weather conditions, gives us confidence in its ability to successfully deliver its New Jersey projects. Establishing supply chains is a key component of project completion and Ørsted has also demonstrated that competence.

NJEL's mission is advocacy for a clean, sustainable environment, but we realize that a sustainable environment for our industrial, densely populated state is inextricably connected to a healthy economy. This is particularly true in this time of economic uncertainty and unemployment. Development of offshore wind energy will prevent further environmental degradation while expanding business opportunities, and the jobs they generate, for decades to come.

New Jersey residents need the high-paying craft and technical jobs created by wind farm construction and operation. Education and training are prerequisites. We support Ørsted's proposal because the company is facilitating education and training opportunities for a local workforce. The company's partnerships with several New Jersey universities will provide students with education and experience in offshore wind energy research. Ørsted's Pro-NJ Grantor Trust will also facilitate participation of New Jersey businesses in supply chain and development opportunities.

We also applaud Ørsted's relationship with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Atlantic City, by which it will introduce young students to the job opportunities in the offshore wind industry. Presumably the expectation of career options will encourage students to persevere in continuing their educations and pursuing fulfilling careers. While this initiative will potentially produce a workforce for the industry, it will also introduce young students to the benefits of renewable energy: a reduction in air pollution, and a defense against global warming and sea level rise. A student who gains an understanding of the natural environment at a young age is likely to become in an environmentally responsible adult.

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We are impressed by Ørsted's outreach, all along the timeline of its current project, to various stakeholders to explain its projects and how it will ensure that land and marine resources are protected. This includes its participation in an offshore wind symposium sponsored by NJEL, at which Ørsted explained the issues involved in protecting wildlife and respecting the existing recreational and commercial users of coastal waters.

New Jersey is particularly vulnerable to the sea level rise and the severe storms that are the product of fossil fuel use across the globe. New Jersey must increase the share of offshore wind in its energy portfolio without delay. Ørsted's record as a developer and its presence in New Jersey during these years of project planning gives the Trustees of the New Jersey Environmental Lobby confidence in its ability to complete a second wind farm in New Jersey's coastal waters.

Respectfully,

Anne O. Poole President New Jersey Environmental Lobby



Erick Ford Executive Director New Jersey Energy Coalition 600 G Street, Suite 400 Millville, NJ 08332

November 20, 2020

Joseph Fiordaliso President, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 So. Clinton Ave, 7th Floor Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear President Fiordaliso:

On behalf of the New Jersey Energy Coalition, I am pleased to provide a letter of support for Ørsted's Ocean Wind 2 project in response to the BPU's solicitation for offshore wind energy proposals. I am confident Ørsted will use the synergies and momentum generated from its first, successful Ocean Wind bid to provide even more efficiencies and benefits to the state.

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Sincerely,

Erick A. Ford Executive Director



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November 10, 2020

Joseph Fiordaliso President New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Ave, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Trenton, NJ 08625

#### Sent Via Email

#### Dear President Fiordaliso:

On behalf of the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce ("State Chamber"), I am pleased to provide a letter of support for Ørsted's Ocean Wind 2 project in response to the BPU's solicitation for offshore wind energy proposals. The State Chamber is confident Ørsted will use the synergies and momentum generated from its first, successful Ocean Wind bid to provide even more efficiencies and benefits to the state.

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Sincerely,

MICHAEL A. EGENTON

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## SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL

Serving Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Salem and Cumberland Counties

December 4, 2020

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We are engaged with EEW on a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) for the construction of the Phase 1 facility, and we expect to have this finalized early next year before construction starts. This will be a win for labor in the region. The building trades are also supportive Orsted's NJ Round 2 submittal where they will enable EEW's second phase development and realize the full construction of the Monopile facility. This would meet a strategic development goal of the State of New Jersey and further extend the New Jersey goals of establishing itself as the Offshore Wind Supply Chain leader.

We recognize Orsted's and EEW's partnership in this project and their commitment to South Jersey.

Thank you,

Daniel Cosner, President

Southern New Jersey Building Trades Council



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November 9, 2020

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 S. Clinton Ave Trenton, NJ 08625

To Whom It May Concern:

The State of New Jersey has made significant commitments to the advancement of offshore wind to benefit New Jersey residents and ratepayers, and to further the advancement of renewable energy while doing its part to curb climate change. The recent New Jersey Offshore Wind Strategic Plan outlines the plan to having 7,500 MW of offshore wind by 2035, as mandated by Governor Murphy in Executive Order 92. Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey stands ready to continue to support the State in this goal.

Rutgers has an established track record of academic achievement in a variety of areas related to offshore wind, and has conducted numerous research studies in collaboration with state agencies such as the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Areas of expertise include wind resource assessment, environmental and ecosystem interactions with offshore wind, supply chain management, grid integration, machine learning, and energy storage technologies. As part of its commitment to serve the State of New Jersey in the goal of advancing offshore wind, Rutgers has also begun to collaborate with offshore wind developers to ensure the best science is used to develop offshore wind in a meaningful and responsible way. In the case of Ørsted's Ocean Wind, Rutgers signed a Memorandum of Understanding in support of joint research collaborations in April 2019. To date, research activities supported by this agreement have included the multi-year ECO-PAM project, utilizing autonomous underwater gliders to monitor the endangered North Atlantic Right Whale using acoustic detection technology, while also providing additional public ocean data which is sent to the federal government to aid in storm forecasting.

Rutgers continues to use established criteria to evaluate potential partners to ensure that they have an established track record in offshore wind development, are making a serious commitment to projects and plans in NJ, and have research interests which align with the mission and goals of Rutgers. Through collaborations such as that with Ørsted's Ocean Wind, Rutgers stands firm in its commitment to serve the State of New Jersey and help our state achieve its renewable energy goals, particularly in the development of a strong offshore wind industry that benefits all who make New Jersey their home or place of business.

We authorize Ørsted to include this letter in their Ocean Wind application for an Offshore Renewable Energy Certificate to NJ BPU.

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S. David Kimball, Ph.D. Senior Vice President Office for Research



November 18, 2020

Joseph Fiordaliso President, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 So. Clinton Ave, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear President Fiordaliso:

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Sincerely,

Lori A. Pepenella, CDME Chief Executive Officer



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