

April 28, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the City of South Amboy, and as its mayor, I would like to reiterate my full support for the transmission project being developed by Atlantic Power Transmission, LLC ("APT"). After a long stakeholder process, evaluating all proposals, and personally meeting with many developers, it is clear to me that APT's project is a great proposal for South Amboy and New Jersey.

APT's project, which is designed to exclusively serve the residents of New Jersey and no other state, will connect offshore wind power generation to the existing electrical grid. APT's project is designed to come ashore near the site of the ferry terminal that is currently under construction would have minimal environmental impacts to South Amboy.

Since my initial letter expressing South Amboy's support for APT's project on July 16, 2021, APT has continued to be a strong and productive partner to our City. The momentum continued with the design for the multi-million-dollar redevelopment of the South Amboy Pier Park (see Attachment A). This development would transform the Pier, which is partially owned by the City and partially owned by a redevelopment company that was designated by the City, into an attractive landmark destination for residents and visitors alike, offering panoramic views of New York City and Raritan Bay.

From our interactions, it is clear that APT's proposal has several unique characteristics that would make it a transformational win for South Amboy, Middlesex County, and the state of New Jersey:

- Invisible Economic Generator APT's project would be completely invisible to South Amboy
  once installed. APT is not proposing to have any shoreline structures and will make landfall
  underground in an industrial area with no nearby beach communities or wildlife preserves. APT
  will create good-paying local union jobs and contribute much-needed revenue to the City
  government.
- Efficient Use of Raritan Bay Floor APT's project uses HVDC technology, which requires a
  fraction of the number of cables to transport the same amount of power as HVAC technology.
  This is incredibly important given the soon to be very crowded sea floor in Raritan Bay and the
  need to facilitate the long-term renewable energy goals of the state of New Jersey.
- <u>Union Coalition</u> APT's project is unique in that it has the full public support of the local chapters of many key labor unions and we understand that they are already partnering with the unions, their Alliance partners, and local academic institutions to create the foundational building blocks for workforce development that will underpin this nascent industry.

For all of the above reasons, the City of South Amboy happily supports APT's project, and we look forward to partnering with their experienced team for the next 50+ years to accelerate the growth of our City and to the project's purpose of supplying of renewable energy exclusively to New Jersey.

Very Truly Yours,

Fred A. Henry

Mayor



## Attachment A



SOUTH AMBOY PIER PARK

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**ILLUSTRATIVE CONCEPT PLAN** CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY, NEW JERSEY



