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Re: Docket No. QO20100630

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing as a 40+ year member of labor and Bricklayer, to express my support for the wind transmission project currently under consideration by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, within central New Jersey and designed to power approximately 1.5 million residents. Within the scope of this project, the proposal developed by Atlantic Power Transmission, LLC (“APT”) best balances the needs of consumers and labor. In addition to their commercial and technical merits, my support is underpinned by the long track record of successful partnerships with labor of APT’s owner Blackstone and APT’s leadership team.

I strongly support the State of New Jersey and Governor Murphy in their mission to provide 7,500MW of offshore wind energy. I look forward to being a part of this mission and the industry it will create, which will continue to benefit New Jersey and its citizens for decades to come. The magnitude of the impact the offshore wind industry will have on New Jersey is hard to overstate. The creation of this new industry will provide gainful employment for New Jersey citizens and bolster local economies while putting New Jersey on the path to a cleaner energy future.

As the NJBPU makes its decision, I would encourage consideration of the following factors:

- Public Union Support & Collaboration – The chosen project should demonstrate a strong commitment to collaborating with union labor and prioritizing worker safety. While many developers state they will utilize union labor, the best projects feature strong, long-term relationships between the project owner and unions. In this regard, APT’s New Jersey Union Coalition and Blackstone’s long-term track record exemplify this commitment.
- Proactive Workforce Development – Given the nascent nature of the offshore wind industry, it is crucial to the industry’s long-term success to be very proactive in building out our workforce. The ideal developer should have already commenced the training program design process with local academic institutions. Few have proactively engaged with the Middlesex College, Middlesex County Vocational and Technical Schools and other institutions. Beyond academia, other stakeholders and necessary workforce development and training programs should be a priority.
- Local Community Engagement - The success of any chosen project will largely depend on the support it receives from its host communities. We would expect any chosen project to have full support of all the communities along its chosen right of way.

- Right of Way Impact – The chosen project should make efficient use of the subsea floor and minimize the impact on the environment. I personally support HVDC technology, which requires a fraction of the number of cables to transport the same amount of power as HVAC technology.
- Low Year 1 Ratepayer Impact – As New Jersey citizens, we would like to ensure that ratepayers today are not excessively burdened by project costs and believe the BPU should focus on projects that facilitate intergenerational equity of cost recovery. The selected proposal should include a fixed revenue requirement, providing cost certainty and a lower year 1 cost for ratepayers.
- Supply Chain Planning – Given the volume of upcoming offshore wind projects, it is imperative that the developers of the chosen project have been proactive about partnering prior to bid submission with EPC contractors to ensure execution on-time & on-budget. An Alliance approach leverages the experience and resources of trusted contractors with decades of experience in offshore wind development.
- Prioritization of New Jersey – The selected project should be designed to exclusively provide electricity to New Jersey.

I am excited to be a part of the development of the offshore wind industry in New Jersey and hope the BPU will take into consideration the priorities detailed above. Again, while I believe this is a critical project for our state, I can also note that APT has many of the characteristics described above.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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