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BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
TRENTON, NJ

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Re: In the Matter of Offshore Wind Transmission, Docket No. QO20100630, Post Stakeholder Meeting Comments

Dear President Fiordaliso and Commissioners of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities:

As the Mayor of Shrewsbury Borough, I am committed to protecting our beaches and preserving the quality of life for our residents. Having spent decades on the edge of the Atlantic Ocean in Sea Bright, I understand the importance of clean, safe and accessible beaches. Simply put, the shore is a vital source of recreation, tourism, and fishing. Our communities are dependent upon the State, Courts and local government doing everything in their power to keep our beaches clean and safe.

I am writing to voice my concern regarding a number of proposals for offshore wind transmission which have been submitted to the Board of Public Utilities for consideration. These proposals threaten to ruin our beaches by turning them into active construction sites with permanent high-voltage transmission infrastructure from offshore turbines.

I believe that all forms of energy generation should be explored and considered. In doing so, it is essential that safeguards be put in place to protect our coastal communities and listen to the voices of our residents.

I urge the BPU to select projects that do not bury high-voltage cables under our beaches, parks, streets, or residential areas. Instead, the BPU should only consider projects which will be placed in communities that are appropriately zoned to accommodate high-voltage electrical transmission infrastructure. This in turn will avoid the need to bury cables under beaches and other public property.

In order to protect the residents of our state and preserve the Jersey Shore, the BPU must not allow the industrialization of our beaches.

Please only select offshore wind transmission proposals that promote responsible development and preserves our coast.

Very Truly Yours,

Erik Anderson
Mayor