TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE RESOLUTION 22-215 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OFFSHORE WIND TRANSMISSION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Legislature and Governor Murphy have set a goal of 7,500 MW of offshore wind by 2035 to provide clean power to New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, to better achieve this goal, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("NJBPU") directed the regional grid operator ("PJM") to solicit proposals to build new transmission projects to connect offshore wind generation to the New Jersey electric grid (the "Offshore Wind Transmission Project"); and

WHEREAS, Neptune Township stands with the State of New Jersey and the Board of Public Utilities in its commitment to renewable and clean energy sources, such as offshore wind, and;

WHEREAS, Neptune has met with the developers of New Jersey Seawind Connector Project ("NJSC") as proposed by NextEra Energy Transmission MidAtlantic Holdings, LLC and they have demonstrated a commitment to working in close partnership with the Township to minimize the collective environmental impact, all while promoting economic investment and employment opportunities within our community, ad;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune that the Committee is supportive of the Project and desires that the Offshore Wind Transmission Project be advanced by the BPU's solicitation from prospective design firms, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee will provide a copy of this Resolution to NextEra Energy Transmission MidAtlantic Holdings, LLC to be included as part of its proposal to the NJBPU to demonstrate to the NJBPU support from local communities for the NJSC project, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, All Township officials, including, but not limited to, the Mayor, Business Administrator, and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to take such ministerial actions as are necessary to effectuate the provisions of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township, to the extent it is able and required, will work cooperatively with the successful design firm so that applications by the design firm for any necessary Township authorizations or approvals will receive timely and efficient review through the usual approval process, as nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to exempt the successful design firm from, or authorize or approve the Project under, any Township code, regulation or ordinance.

I, Gabriella Siboni, Clerk of the Township of Neptune hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Neptune, Monmouth County, State of New Jersey at a meeting held on April 25, 2022

Gabriella Siboni Township Clerk