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The Honorable Aida Camacho-Welch
Secretary
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
44. S. Clinton Avenue
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RE: Letter of Support – New Jersey Seawind Connector (NJSC) – Docket No. QO20100630

Dear President Fiordaliso:

On behalf of Neptune Township, I am pleased to submit this letter in support of the New Jersey Seawind Connector project (NJSC), as proposed by NextEra Energy Transmission MidAtlantic Holdings, LLC. (NEETMA) as part of the Board of Public Utilities' process under the State Agreement Approach (SAA). The NJSC is designed to help facilitate New Jersey's clean energy future and promote the efforts of the Administration and the BPU to not only meet the state's goal of 7,500 MWs of offshore wind by 2035 but offers the expandability we need to meet our future power needs.

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. We are committed to working closely with partners across all levels of government, and the private sector, to achieve Governor Murphy's clean energy goals. We are committed to ensuring that sustainable energy transmission projects occurring within our community are deliberate in minimizing their impact on our environment, on public roads and on private properties. To that end, NJSC's project utilizes a route and methods which largely avoid such impacts, given the priority to ensure minimal impact to the environment, our residents, and our businesses.

We have met with the developers of NJSC, and they have demonstrated a commitment to working in close partnership with us to minimize the collective environmental impact, all while promoting economic investment and employment opportunity within our community. Should the Board of Public Utilities select NJSC, Neptune Township is willing and able to explore a partnership with this important clean energy project, and we look forward to working collaboratively with NEETMA for the benefit of our residents and our State.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Williams
Mayor