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Hon. Joseph L. Fiordaliso, President New Jersey Board of Public Utilities c/o Acting Board Secretary Carmen Dias 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor P.O. Box 350 Trenton, NJ 08625-0350

Via email to: <u>board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov</u>

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF OCEAN WIND LLC PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 48:3-87.1(f) FOR A DETERMINATION THAT CERTAIN EASEMENTS AND CONSENTS NEEDED FOR CERTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS IN, AND WITH RESPECT TO, THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY ARE REASONABLY NECESSARY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR OPERATION OF THE OCEAN WIND 1 QUALIFIED OFFSHORE WIND PROJECT BPU Docket No. Q022050347

REQUEST TO EXTEND THE TIME TO APPLY TO INTERVENE

Dear President Fiordaliso:

On June 29, 2022, the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) entered an Order in this matter, made effective Friday, July 1, 2022. The Order contains a provision that any party seeking to intervene in the matter must do so on or before July 15, 2022. As such, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities (NJLM), on behalf of our members, has a significant interest in considering intervention in this matter. However, the timeframe of the Order makes it exceedingly difficult for NJLM, or any individual municipal governing body, to submit a Motion to Intervene on or before July 15, 2022. As you know, the issue to intervene will have to be considered by a municipal governing body at a public meeting, which will simply not have enough time to place the matter on an upcoming meeting agenda and submit the necessary papers prepared for filing on or before July 15, 2022.

Accordingly, on behalf of the Executive Board of the NJLM and our members, I am respectfully requesting that BPU amend the aforementioned Order to make the deadline for filing a Motion to Intervene, on or before July 31, 2022. This will not cause any significant delay in the matter and will provide the League and other potential intervenors an orderly, thoughtful, and reasonable process and timeframe. We are hopeful of your consideration of what the NJLM believes to be a reasonable and workable approach.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

Frank Marshall, Esq.

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cc: <u>VIA EMAIL ONLY</u>

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