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Offshore Wind Transmission Docket #: QO20100630

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the Boardwalk Powerlink projects submitted by Anbaric Development Partners to the Board of Public Utilities as part of the SAA Transmission Solicitation.

As a coastal legislator in Monmouth County, I appreciate Governor Murphy's leadership and commitment to renewable and clean energy sources, such as offshore wind, as our communities face the real impacts of climate change and sea level rise. I am also mindful that we are a county economy that relies on and benefits tremendously from the tourism industry at our Jersey Shore. I want to make sure that the State protects that economy as we work to construct and deliver wind energy to the grid in an efficient and environmentally sensitive manner that causes the least disruption to any community. I was glad to see the state leading the industry through this solicitation which aims to do just that, by planning and minimizing the number of cables that will be needed to deliver wind energy, which also helps reduce ratepayer impacts.

I have had the opportunity to meet many times with Anbaric, a US-based employee-owned company, and appreciate their proactive commitment to working with the County and municipalities as a partner. The proposals submitted by Anbaric offer a sensible



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solution to deliver offshore wind energy through a system that can meet the state's needs today and into the future.

I look forward to being part of ensuring that any projects located in my district will be welcomed by, and beneficial to, our residents. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Vin Gopal

Senator, 11th District