



October 11, 2022

Joseph Fiordaliso
President, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
44 So. Clinton Ave, 7th Floor
Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear President Fiordaliso:

On behalf of the Greater Atlantic City Chamber, I am pleased to provide a letter of support for Ocean Wind 1's petition requesting the NJBPU authorize the necessary easements, permits and consents for the project's onshore construction of the electricity export cable.

The federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management concluded in its recently released Draft Environmental Impact Statement, with the construction and operation of Ocean Wind 1:

"[T]here will be notable and measurable benefits to employment, economic output, infrastructure improvements, and community services, especially job training, because of offshore wind development.

With a projected in-state spend of nearly \$1 billion, Ocean Wind 1 will have a broad and deep impact in the entire state, with a focus in South Jersey, including port infrastructure and manufacturing development in Paulsboro and Lower Alloways Creek, the construction of an operations and maintenance facility in Atlantic City, industry workforce development with training at Atlantic Cape Community College and Rowan College of South Jersey, creating create innovative research projects that expand student and faculty knowledge and experience in the development of offshore wind with Rutgers, Rowan, Stockton, and Montclair Universities to and supply chain build-out. The project also supports the Pro-NJ Grantor Trust initiative, dedicating \$15 million toward small business growth and coastal resiliency projects.

Finally, this 1,100 MW project will help further Governor Murphy's goal of 11,000 MW of offshore wind energy by 2040 while diversifying New Jersey's sources of electricity generation.

New Jersey's coastline presents ideal conditions for the development of offshore wind. These assets, coupled with the state's large demand for power and ambitious energy goals, give New Jersey a unique opportunity to host a new industry, ripe with opportunities.

Given the value of the Ocean Wind 1 and the entire offshore wind industry will add to the entire state, the NJBPU should act to help allow the project move forward. Since local approvals have not been given, the NJBPU's ought to determine that certain easements across properties owned by the Cape May County and consents needed from the County for certain environmental permits in, and with respect to the County, are reasonably necessary for the construction or operation of the Project.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Chait'.

Michael Chait
President
Greater Atlantic City Chamber