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Secretary of the Board
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RE: Response to Request for Information Docket No. QO22080481

To the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities:

In response to the Request for Information Docket No. QO22080481, issued October 28th, 2022, Vineyard Offshore LLC ("Vineyard Offshore") is pleased to provide the enclosed. We hope our feedback will assist the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' ("NJBPU") efforts to ensure a successful solicitation.

Vineyard Offshore is an offshore wind developer and a subsidiary of Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners ("CIP"). CIP is a 50% shareholder company in Vineyard Wind 1, the nation's first commercial-scale offshore wind project. The following comments are informed by our prior experience with offshore wind solicitations and experience developing offshore wind projects in the US and elsewhere.

Respectfully submitted,

Lars Pedersen
Chief Executive Officer

Other

14. Please provide any additional information that you would like Board Staff to consider in development of the SGD

In response to Question 14, Vineyard Offshore believes the NJBPU should consider allowing developers to propose an alternate transmission solution along with a conforming solution connecting at Larrabee. The SAA Order has resulted in very positive outcomes for the offshore wind development community and the surety on interconnection and transmission is much appreciated. All proposals should include a base case to connect at Larrabee so that the NJBPU can compare proposals equally. Allowing developers to also consider creative alternatives that adhere to the principles developed as part of the SAA process would allow the NJBPU to evaluate transmission alternatives which may result in overall cost savings to ratepayers, if the interconnection option proposed meets the state's needs for reliability and fits with overall transmission planning goals. Given the requirement suggested above to also provide a conforming bid along with any alternate, this allowance would come at no risk to the NJBPU, ratepayers, and the offshore wind industry, but it may uncover some options that complement the SAA solutions and provide additional value-for-money.