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## **Statement of the New Jersey Alliance for Action**

### **Stakeholder Meeting Of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities**

### **Stakeholder Meeting: Draft Solicitation 3 Guidance Document**

**Tuesday, December 13, 2022**

President Fiordaliso and members of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, thank you for the opportunity to participate in today's initial stakeholder meeting, beginning the important process of solicitation for Phase 3 of offshore wind to power the future needs of the citizens and businesses and of our state.

I am William R. Healey, Special Advisor to the President of the New Jersey Alliance for Action and I am pleased this morning to represent our President, Jerry Keenan.

The New Jersey Alliance for Action is a non-partisan and non-profit association representing thousands of business, labor, government, utility, education, professional and other New Jersey leaders. Our mission is to improve New Jersey's economy through the promotion of environmentally friendly capital construction and infrastructure investment.

For over 40 years, the Alliance for Action has focused on promoting responsible infrastructure investment in New Jersey and the region – including energy delivery and renewable energy, transportation, water, and coastal protection.

The Alliance has been a strong supporter of the goals of the State's Energy Master Plan – which includes offshore wind, solar, natural gas and the development of green gas and hydrogen technology.

As the Board is aware, the New Jersey Alliance for Action has been a strong proponent of the first two phases of offshore wind development, dating back to the NJ BPU initial solicitation for Phase 1, nearly five years ago, in 2018. We likewise continued that advocacy for Phase 2 in 2020 and 2021. The Alliance for Action has also participated in federal Bureau of Offshore Energy Management hearings on offshore wind energy expansion.

We fully support New Jersey's commitment to create 11,000 megawatts of offshore wind energy by 2040 – a goal that's especially important with the state's growing electric needs and efforts to electrify transportation.

In turn, the move to Phase 3 further cements our state's leadership in the development of offshore wind. The environmental and economic benefits – including the construction and ancillary jobs created by it – are making New Jersey a better place for all of us.

Thank you for having the New Jersey Alliance for Action participate in today's initial stakeholder session for Phase 3 of offshore wind .

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