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January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Ms. Carmen Diaz  
Acting Secretary of the Board  
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities  
44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor  
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Trenton, NJ 08625 – 0350

**RE: In the Matter of the Opening of New Jersey’s Third Solicitation for Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (OREC), Docket No. Q022080481**

Dear Acting Secretary Diaz,

In response to the Draft Solicitation Guidance Document issued by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“BPU”) on November 30, 2022, Vineyard Offshore LLC (“Vineyard Offshore”) is pleased to provide the enclosed comments and requests for clarification.

Vineyard Offshore developed Vineyard Wind 1 (Lease Area OCS-A 501), the nation’s first commercial-scale offshore wind project. Vineyard Offshore is also leading the development of Lease Area OCS-A 522 (known as Vineyard Northeast) and Lease Area OCS-A 544 (known as Vineyard Mid-Atlantic). Combined with the 50% ownership of the Vineyard Wind 1 project, Vineyard Offshore has the potential to develop more than 5 gigawatts of clean, renewable, and cost-effective energy on the US East Coast.

We applaud the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (the “BPU”) and the Murphy Administration’s offshore wind energy ambitions as demonstrated in Executive Order (“EO”) 8, EO 92, and, most recently, EO 307, and their proactive action in providing the Solicitation Guidance Document (“SGD”) in advance of New Jersey’s Third Solicitation for Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (“OREC”).

This document discusses priority topics pivotal to the New Jersey BPU’s maximization of competitive OREC pricing and minimized ratepayer costs, including further understanding of how the suggested State Agreement Approach affects integration of future project proposals.

Vineyard Offshore respectfully requests that the BPU review and consider the comments and requests for clarification, included below, as the BPU advances the finalization of the SGD for the State’s Third Solicitation for Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief Commercial Officer

**Application Requirements**

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**Evaluation Criteria**

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**Prebuild Infrastructure Requirements**

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**Final SAA Plans**

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**Solicitation Schedule**

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