



Re: BPU Fourth Solicitation Comments

To the New Jersey BPU:

New Jersey LCV wholeheartedly supports responsible and equitable development of offshore wind in New Jersey as it is a key component of reaching our goal of 100% Clean Energy by 2035 and the good local union jobs, improved public health, energy independence and environmental benefits like protecting our oceans and wildlife from their greatest threat, climate change

Offshore wind is a the cornerstones of the clean renewable energy infrastructure. Offshore wind will harness New Jersey's ingenuity and catalyze a new green economy providing a pathway to transition from dirty fossil fuels to cleaner sources while combating climate change and fostering economic growth and local job creation. Climate change is the greatest threat to our oceans causing our ocean temperatures to rise, coral reefs to bleach and die, and collapsing whole ecosystems. Offshore wind is part of the solution to slowing human induced climate change acceleration which is threatening our oceans and marine life.

By embracing offshore wind development, we not only demonstrate New Jersey's commitment to environmental stewardship but also seize the opportunity to revitalize our economy, generating thousands of new jobs and promoting innovation in clean energy technologies.

The decision by the BPU to initiate the fourth solicitation for offshore wind projects underscores our state's dedication to a brighter, cleaner future for all New Jersey residents and New Jersey strong commitment to continue to be a national leader and hub for this important industry.

With this in mind, New Jersey LCV stands firm in our commitment to safeguarding the natural resources of New Jersey for present and future generations and continues to stand up to the fossil fuel funded misinformation campaigns, led by astroturf groups, working to keep the business as usual model of profits over the health of people by spreading lies to ensure fossil fuel company shareholders continue to rake in record profits while poisoning our air water and land.

Climate change poses an enormous threat to our coastal communities, ecosystems, and way of life, necessitating urgent action to mitigate its impacts. The development of responsibility developed offshore wind in New Jersey is not only a tangible solution to combating the climate crisis, but also serves as a vital tool in protecting our vulnerable coastal communities from the environmental degradation caused by climate change as well as investing in their future. By embracing offshore wind, we not only bolster our



resilience against climate-related threats but also pave the way for a more sustainable and prosperous future, with cleaner air, cleaner water, and improved public health benefiting every resident of our great state as well as protecting their children and children's children.

We strongly urge the BPU to move forward with this important fourth solicitation and appreciate your continued commitment to protecting and safeguarding our environment.

In conservation,

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