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Secretary of the Board
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
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Re: Docket Number QO23100719

Dear Commissioners of the Board of Public Utilities:

I virtually attended the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) public stakeholder meeting on October 1, 2024, to discuss the Prebuild Infrastructure (PBI).

I have many concerns about offshore wind projects including the health and safety of residents near the PBI, the impact of the turbines and infrastructure on the marine environment and economy, and the tremendous cost of these projects on ratepayers.

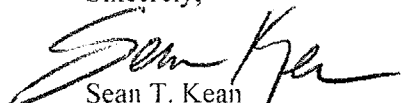
All these concerns must be carefully weighed against the suggested benefits of industrializing our sea for green energy. In Monmouth and Ocean Counties, the health of our ocean and beach is integral to our tourism industry as well as quality of life.

Another alternative route for the transmission cables has been presented to the BPU. This route has the transmission cables coming in from the Manasquan Inlet, follows the Manasquan River, and makes landfall near Lightning Jacks Marina #3. I would request that the BPU consider this alternative route if it will impact fewer residents and communities.

Unfortunately, I do not believe there will be real debate or a postponement of this monumental project. Thus, we need to try to minimize the negative impacts of New Jersey's race to build offshore wind.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,


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