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New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
44 South Clinton Ave
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

RE: In the Matter of the Opening of a Solicitation for the Transmission Infrastructure Project to Support New Jersey's Offshore Wind Public Policy – Docket #QO23100719

Dear Board Staff,

Attentive Energy LLC ("Attentive Energy") applauds the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' ("BPU") consolidated onshore transmission approach that utilizes the Larrabee Collector Station ("LCS") and the Prebuild Infrastructure ("PBI") to facilitate significant community, environmental, and cost savings benefits. Attentive Energy appreciates the opportunity to provide input in response to the BPU's New Jersey Offshore Wind Prebuild Infrastructure Solicitation ("PBI Solicitation") to build the concrete duct bank system that will be used by Qualified Offshore Wind Projects awarded by the BPU.

Attentive Energy is the leaseholder of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's ("BOEM") commercial wind energy lease area OCS-A 0538, which is an 84,332-acre area approximately 42 miles east of Barnegat Bay, New Jersey. In January 2024, Attentive Energy was awarded a 1.34 GW offtake agreement with the State of New Jersey for its Attentive Energy Two ("AE2") project, which will power more than 650,000 homes and generate \$3.1 billion in economic activity across New Jersey. The AE2 project will utilize one circuit of the PBI, and Attentive Energy looks forward to being a partner in the success of New Jersey's offshore wind program. The AE2 project builds upon the deep experience of its Sponsors, TotalEnergies and Corio, which have one of the largest combined offshore wind portfolios globally – approximately 40 GW, of which approximately 11 GW is being developed jointly. TotalEnergies and Corio have built some of the world's largest and successful energy projects and have a proven track record of delivering safe, reliable, and responsible energy and infrastructure projects for decades in the Garden State.

As the AE2 project will utilize the PBI, Attentive Energy has an in-depth knowledge of the PBI and has been actively engaged in conversations related to its technical specifications and construction means and methods. Furthermore, Attentive Energy's team has been present in New Jersey since 2018, engaging in meaningful discussions on advancing the State's offshore wind industry through priority focus areas like coordinated transmission. On many occasions the BPU has reached out to stakeholders for direct feedback on the PBI approach and ideas for making the process better for the local communities. Attentive Energy is proud to have been

involved in these discussions to date and looks forward to continuing these meaningful conversations.

Attentive Energy has seen the benefits of a coordinated approach to deliver offshore wind to a single point of delivery adopted by other offshore wind projects around the world. Similarly, the PBI will ensure safe, reliable, and cost-efficient transmission that will minimize impacts to the environment and community.

The PBI is expected to reduce environmental impacts, create better access to headroom on the grid, and be more cost-effective to ratepayers compared to the traditional approach of each offshore wind project being responsible for its own radial connection to the grid. Compared to PBI alternatives, e.g., example four underground duct bank systems designed to access four different points on the grid, PBI provides a coordinated approach to deliver renewable energy to communities in New Jersey.

Attentive Energy understands that New Jerseyans have questions about impacts to their daily lives, and the Attentive Energy team prioritizes listening and being responsive to concerns. From classrooms to county fairs, seaports to local parks, Attentive Energy has participated in open dialogue with residents from around the State, demonstrated its care and commitment to preserving and protecting New Jersey's precious natural resources, and made investments to help to position small- and medium-size businesses to benefit from offshore wind development. Attentive Energy supports the PBI and is committed to working with the BPU and the PBI developer once awarded, to deliver clean, affordable offshore wind energy to New Jersey in a manner that is least impactful to the community and the environment. Attentive Energy commits to continue leading the development of the AE2 project, in coordination with the PBI, prioritizing open and consistent engagement with the communities of New Jersey.

Attentive Energy again thanks the BPU's Offshore Wind Team for the opportunity to provide input on the PBI Solicitation.

Sincerely,



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