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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 Secretary Golden,

My name is Cheryl Stowell, and I am the Chief Executive Officer at New Jersey SHARES, Inc. New Jersey SHARES, Inc. (NJ SHARES) is a nationally recognized 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that provides statewide help and referrals to essential services to those in need of assistance. NJ SHARES serves as a “safety net” for households that face an emergency or a difficult situation.

As the only statewide utility bill assistance organization in New Jersey, it has been our mission for more than 25 years to help utility customers with their arrearages. In recognition of our accomplishments and with an eye to helping expand our assistance, we were introduced to and have committed to partner with Attentive Energy. Attentive Energy is the leaseholder of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management’s commercial wind energy lease area near Barnegat Bay and in January 2024 was awarded an agreement with New Jersey for its Attentive Energy Two project, which will power more than 650,000 homes across New Jersey.

Building offshore wind is an important step towards transitioning to renewable, clean and more affordable energy. Reducing the State’s carbon footprint while offering jobs and a means of reducing consumption and costs are key steps towards New Jersey energy and cost efficiency goals.

We support the prebuild transmission infrastructure project as an important means of achieving safe, reliable and cost-efficient renewable energy. A single point of delivery means more focused community engagement, job creation and positive economic impact.

NJ SHARES is grateful for the opportunity to submit this letter on the PBI Solicitation.

Kind regards,

Cheryl B. Stowell

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