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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Jersey Strong Coastal Coalition: NO NEW BPU AWARDS FOR ATLANTIC SHORES OFFSHORE WIND PROJECT

Dear NJ Legislator,

Please see attached letter sent to the NJ Board of Public Utilities (BPU) by a growing coalition of New Jersey towns and citizen groups throughout the

state opposing the award of new or revised contracts to Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind LLC. The letter and attached report clearly show that such awards would violate state law.

It is unfortunate that, in its headlong rush to fulfill the Governor's ill-conceived plan to install 11,000 MW of wind projects off our beaches, the BPU continues to ignore its clear statutory obligations to protect NJ ratepayers from unjust and unreasonable rates by imposing enormous above market subsidies on residents and businesses in the state.

One need only observe the Board members all displaying wind lapel pins at public meetings and openly celebrating when granting solicitation award orders to have proof that the BPU is operating with a clear conflict of interest favoring these projects above your constituents.

In the Offshore Wind Economic Development Act (OWEDA) the legislature set clear guardrails meant to protect ratepayers from unjust and unreasonable rates for offshore wind. As detailed in the attached documents, the BPU has smashed through these guardrails and set ratepayers and the entire NJ economy hurtling along a path into an economic ditch.

It has become abundantly clear that development of wind projects off the shores of New Jersey is currently not a viable economic proposition, and we urge you to recognize that fact and hold the BPU accountable for its violations of your legislative mandates.

We would be happy to come before any legislative body to discuss this matter and provide further support for the information provided herein.

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