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New Jersey
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October 15, 2024

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
Attn: Sherri L. Golden, Secretary
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**Re: Comments on the Solicitation for the Transmission Infrastructure Project
Supporting NJ Offshore Wind Policy
Docket No. Q023100719**

Dear GPU Secretary;

Please be advised I am writing to you on as General Counsel to the Sea Girt Planning Board. In that regard, I would ask that you please note following:

1. I have been advised that there is a public comment period on the above-referenced matter, until approximately October 15, 2024.
2. In conjunction with previously noted Planning Board objections / concerns, the Planning Board strenuously objects to the proposal at this time.
3. The Planning Board respectfully submits that there are many open / unanswered questions / issues which need to be more thoroughly reviewed / vetted before the project, or any component part thereof, should be continued.
4. General concerns / objections in this said regard include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - A. A concern that given the nature of the proposal, and the direct impact the same will have on the Sea Girt community, agents of the Borough should be much more involved in the permitting / oversight / development process, so as to confirm that important municipal interests are appropriately safeguarded;





- B. A concern regarding the overall impact the transmission infrastructure proposal will have on the greater Sea Girt community;
 - C. A concern regarding the potentially devastating impact the extensive transmission line system can have on the fragile environment;
 - D. A concern regarding the risks / liabilities the proposed infrastructure improvements can have on the Borough's existing infrastructure system;
 - E. A concern regarding the short-term and long-term impact the existing high water table can have on the structural integrity / viability of the proposed infrastructure improvements; and
 - F. A concern for a greater, more transparent, more widely advertised, and more meaningful opportunity for public input.
5. Again, a more cautious, more diligent, more measured, and more publicly transparent opportunity to more thoroughly review, vet, research, and address the aforesaid issues and concerns would be in the best interests of the State of New Jersey, the Applicant, the Borough of Sea Girt, and the residents of the surrounding communities.
6. The Planning Board joins in the formal objection recently issued by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Girt.
7. The Planning Board requests that the within objections be officially noted for the record.
8. The Planning Board also requests that the within questions / issues (in addition to those questions / issues / objections raised by the Borough of Sea Girt) be more formally reviewed / studied / analyzed / debated before any aspects of the proposal moves forward.
9. For record-keeping purposes, I would ask that you please acknowledge receipt of the within communication.



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On behalf of the Sea Girt Planning Board, I thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully submitted,

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