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October 10, 2024

Hon. Sherri L. Golden, Secretary
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor
PO Box 350
Trenton, NJ 08625-0350

Re: In the Matter of the Opening of a Solicitation for Transmission Infrastructure Project to Support New Jersey's Offshore Wind Public Policy

Docket No. QO23100719

Letter of Objection

Dear Madam Secretary,

The long term extremely negative and deleterious impacts caused by massive wind farm construction off the Nantucket beaches, cannot be overstated. As you are undoubtedly already aware, this pollution-generating, potentially devastating event was caused by the toppling of a gigantic wind turbine blade, on a clear, windless summer day. The ongoing environmental cleanup, the loss of tourism revenue, and the short-term and long-term impacts upon commercial and recreational fishing are still being calculated.

I raise the above referenced devastating incident, because of the fact that here in New Jersey, the BPU has been entrusted to engage in a benefit to cost ratio analysis, as to each and every wind turbine proposal off our precious coast.

Further, as you are well aware, FERC. Order 1000 provides for all such energy transmission project costs to be allocated appropriately, in a way which is commensurate with benefits and takes into account the above required benefit to cost analysis.

Most importantly, however, the recent events off the Nantucket beaches and the ongoing cleanup activities strongly support the BPU immediately imposing a moratorium on any ongoing or contemplated massive wind turbine projects proposed off the New Jersey coast.

Also, I would join in the objections and comments spread upon the record, by other elected officials from our coastal towns and counties, including but not limited to, the objections raised by the Borough of Point Pleasant Beach in Ocean County.

Independent of the objections and unanswered questions referred to by the Borough Point Pleasant Beach officials, and partially, if not totally, subsumed therein, I would hereby raise the following, non-exhaustive list of additional objections and never addressed questions, before the BPU: (1) the extreme danger for irreparable harm to the environment, recreational and commercial fishing industries, tourism industry, and the very character and nature of the Jersey Shore as a result of the proposed industrialization; (2) the lack of adequate scientific investigation into these projects; (3) the lack of research and analysis of the potential costs to taxpayers and rate payers; and (4) the lack of adequate participation and feedback from the localities most affected by the construction. 5. The failure of the BPU to direct a realistic, substantive and independent cost-benefit analysis, which takes into account, all of the above issues, and related impacts.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Respectfully submitted,



Mayor John A. Peterson, Jr.