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New Jersey to Serve as a Public Sponsor and Board Member of National Offshore Wind Research Consortium

Trenton, N.J. — The state of New Jersey will be a public sponsor and Board member of the National Offshore Wind Research and Development Consortium. The Consortium will be administered by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). The U.S. Department of Energy last week selected NYSERDA to administer the \$18.5 million Consortium.

“Offshore wind development is a high priority of the Murphy Administration,” said President Joseph L. Fiordaliso of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. “We have established a goal of installing 3,500 MW of wind energy by 2030 and we look forward to serving as a Consortium Board member and help guide program direction and execution.”

New Jersey continues to support offshore wind research in partnership with local universities and federal entities. The state has so far invested more than two million dollars in an Offshore Wind Modeling Initiative in cooperation with Rutgers University and the Center of Ocean Observing Leadership.

“New Jersey understands the importance of offshore wind research and development and is looking forward to contributing to and shaping the consortium’s research agenda in this area. Further, it is extremely important that we focus on integration of offshore wind into competitive markets at the lowest possible cost to ratepayers,” President Fiordaliso noted.

The Consortium is aimed at bringing together industry, academia, government, and other stakeholders to advance offshore wind plant technologies, to establish innovative methods for wind resource and site characterization, and to develop advanced technology solutions for installation, operation, maintenance, and supply chain.

The overall goal of the consortium is to reduce the cost of offshore wind in the United States.

About the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU)

The NJBPU is a state agency and regulatory authority mandated to ensure safe, adequate and proper utility services at reasonable rates for New Jersey customers. Critical services regulated by the NJBPU include natural gas, electricity, water, wastewater, telecommunications and cable television. The Board has general oversight and responsibility for monitoring utility service, responding to consumer complaints, and investigating utility accidents. To find out more about the NJBPU, visit our web site at www.nj.gov/bpu.

About the New Jersey Clean Energy Program (NJCEP)

NJCEP, established on January 22, 2003, in accordance with the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act (EDECA), provides financial and other incentives to the State's residential customers, businesses and schools that install high-efficiency or renewable energy technologies, thereby reducing energy usage, lowering customers' energy bills and reducing environmental impacts. The program is authorized and overseen by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU), and its website is www.NJCleanEnergy.com.