

As an independent transmission developer, Anbaric strongly encourages the Board of Public Utilities to allow transmission to be separated from generation in all RFP processes and procurements related to offshore wind development.

This separation will allow a single transmission system to be shared across wind farms, reducing costs and stimulating competition among offshore wind developers. Separation will enable regulators to determine how and where wind power connects to the on-shore grid, and will prevent one or two companies from dominating the industry.

The Board of Public Utilities should embrace an RFP that allows generation and transmission developers to bid separately, together, or have their proposals joined. This will increase transparency and competition across bids, and ultimately lower costs. This approach follows the successful policy adopted in Europe, where offshore wind industries are thriving.

An up-front prohibition of transmission would enable a few players to control New Jersey's burgeoning offshore wind industry. To avoid the risk that one or two large companies will monopolize the industry, policy makers should allow transmission-only bids into any offshore wind RFP process.

In addition to the industry and ratepayer benefits, a planned transmission system is best for New Jersey's environment. This shared transmission system mitigates the number of disruptions in the ocean, requiring fewer lines to be laid on the ocean floor, and preserving the Jersey shore's natural beauty with fewer connections on shore.

A shared system will allow wind generators to plug into an already established system and reach New Jersey's stated goal of 3500MW by 2030 more quickly and efficiently.

Sincerely,  
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