

July 26, 2018

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities  
Attn.: Aida Camacho, Secretary  
44 South Clinton Ave., 3rd Floor, Suite 314, CN350  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Re: Docket No. QX18040466; Offshore Wind Solicitation of 1,100 Megawatts

Dear Ms. Camacho-Welch,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit public comments in support of procurement of offshore wind resources. As a New Jersey resident concerned with climate change projections and impacts to our coastal state, it's imperative that we explore all avenues available to accelerate the transition to renewable energy.

As a recent graduate of Rutgers' School of Environmental & Biological Sciences with a degree of Environmental Policy, I have learned a great deal about the costs and benefits of wind energy. I have learned there is no one-fix solution to energy consumption, all areas and circumstances are different. However, with the amount of open space and shore-land that we have in NJ, I think offshore wind would be a great way to strengthen our energy by diversifying the grid. While keeping in mind obstacles such as ecology of land and bird migration patterns, I think the potential for increased wind energy is great and we should take advantage of it.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate the opportunity to contribute.

Best regards,

Megan McParland