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Dear President Fiordaliso:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft of New Jersey's Energy Master Plan. We share your goal of achieving effective and efficient energy and climate policy, and we laud New Jersey's leadership in this area.

More than twenty years ago BP was the first major oil and gas company to acknowledge climate change as a serious issue that justifies global action. We set emission reduction targets, implemented an internal carbon price, and invested substantially in renewable energy, of which we remain the largest operator among our peers. More recently, we supported a shareholder resolution to broaden our corporate reporting to describe how our business strategy is consistent with the goals of the Paris Agreement on climate change. BP is embracing the dual challenge – meeting the world's growing demand for energy while also meeting the world's demand for lower carbon emissions.

We have also been a champion for a well-designed carbon pricing framework, which we believe is the most comprehensive and economically efficient policy to incentivize everyone – energy producers and consumers alike - to play their part in reducing emissions, while encouraging investment in the technologies that will help meet emission reduction goals.

Every type of energy needs to be cleaner and better. While renewables are a rapidly increasing part of the global solution and of our portfolio, in the race to reduce emissions, renewables alone will not be enough. It is our position that natural gas can be, and needs to be, part of the solution. When partnered with renewable generation, natural gas generation provides reliability attributes such as balancing the intermittency of renewables, and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions through its low-carbon intensity. Also, natural gas can be paired with carbon offsets or other carbon reduction methods such as carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS) to meet New Jersey's criteria for "carbon-neutral" generation.

We look forward to working with you on this important challenge.

Sincerely,

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