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STATE OF NEW JERSEY **Board of Public Utilities** Two Gateway Center, Suite 801 Newark, NJ 07102 www.ni.gov/bpu

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IN THE MATTER OF THE OFFSHORE WIND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT -APPLICATION WINDOW DESIGNATION FOR STATE WATER PROPOSALS IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN

ORDER OPENING LIMITED) APPLICATION WINDOW FOR) OFFSHORE WIND PROJECTS IN) **NEW JERSEY TERRITORIAL**) WATERS IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN

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BY THE BOARD¹

On August 19, 2010, Governor Chris Christie signed into law the Offshore Wind Economic Development Act ("The Act"), P.L. 2010, c. 57, which amends and supplements the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 et seq. On February 10, 2011, the Board of Public Utilities ("The Board") adopted N.J.A.C. 14:8.6 to provide an application process and a framework under which the Board will consider and, if appropriate, approve applications for qualified offshore renewable facilities and Offshore Renewable Energy Certificates ("ORECs").

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Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:8-6.3(b), the Board HEREBY OPENS an application window commencing on Monday, May 16, 2011, and ending on Tuesday, June 14, 2011, for offshore wind projects in New Jersey territorial waters in the Atlantic Ocean consistent with the Act. The Board HEREBY FINDS that due to the limited scope and duration of this application window that it is in the interests of the general public to waive certain procedural requirements of N.J.A.C. 14:8-6.3(d), which require an applicant(s) to meet with Board staff and representatives of the Division of Rate Counsel no less than 30 days prior to submission of an application. Therefore, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:1-1.2(b)(1), the Board HEREBY

Commissioner Asselta did not participate in this matter

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<u>WAIVES</u> the 30 day meeting requirement of <u>N.J.A.C.</u>14:8-6.3(d). Although this requirement has been waived, an applicant may elect to meet with Board staff and the Division of Rate Counsel prior to submission of the application.

Notwithstanding this limited waiver, applicant(s) must otherwise comply with N.J.A.C. 14:8-6.1 et seq.

Therefore, the Board <u>HEREBY INVITES</u> any and all interested parties to submit applications, in accordance with <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 14:8.6, for projects in New Jersey territorial waters in the Atlantic Ocean. Nothing in this Order limits the Board's ability to open an additional application window pursuant to <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 14:8-6.3(b), including an application window for projects outside New Jersey territorial waters.

DATED: 5/16/11

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY:

LEE A. SOLOMON

PRESIDENT

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ATTEST:

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public

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