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NJ BPU President Joseph L. Fiordaliso  
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities  
44 S. Clinton Avenue  
Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear President Fiordaliso,

We appreciate the efforts of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to advance the offshore wind industry in the State of New Jersey. The Business Network for Offshore Wind understands that the New Jersey Offshore Wind Strategic Plan will address specific aspects of the New Jersey offshore wind program, but still believes that the 2019 New Jersey Energy Master Plan ("2019 Plan") should be completely rewritten to reflect the current administration's commitment to fighting climate change and lowering carbon emissions in line with the Paris Climate Accord goals.

The Clean and Renewable Power section of the 2019 Plan should include the following:

- Reflect the current Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) of 50% clean energy by 2030, and 3500MW of offshore wind energy by 2030, along with the ultimate goal of 100% clean energy by 2050.
- Return to the spirit of the 2008 EMP, which called for 3000MW of offshore wind by 2020, and focus on the economic opportunities and other benefits of a clean energy program.
- Remove the 2011 EMP and 2015 EMP Update reliance on natural gas and new gas pipelines to meet electricity demand. Also, change the tone of the 2011 EMP and 2015 Update to use the language of fighting climate change and lowering emissions.
- Focus on innovation and smart investments in energy infrastructure, and explain the role of state utilities and their interconnections with offshore wind energy in bringing New Jersey into the clean energy revolution.
- Completely rewrite the 2011 EMP and 2015 EMP Update section on offshore wind energy (pages 29-31 in EMP 2015 Update) to reflect the state's recommitment to offshore wind energy.
- Describe in detail how the clean energy elements of nuclear, solar, conservation and storage will work together to achieve the 100% clean energy by 2050 goal. For example, explain how annual and daily cycles of solar and offshore wind energy complement each other.
- Protect ratepayers from any sudden shocks of price increases for electric service.
- Explain the relationship between the Energy Master Plan and the Offshore Wind Strategic Plan.
- Acknowledge New Jersey's role as a national clean energy leader, and add that as an ongoing goal for 2050.

Thank you for your commitment to developing the offshore wind energy industry in New Jersey. We look forward to continuing our work with you and your team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liz Burdock", written in a cursive style.

Liz Burdock  
Executive Director