



December 2, 2015

Richard Mroz, President
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
44 S Clinton Avenue
Trenton, NJ 08625

Re: New Jersey's Energy Master Plan Update

Dear Mr. Mroz:

I read with interest the latest update to the Energy Master Plan (EMP) and I appreciate the opportunity to provide further comments, focused specifically on the development of offshore wind energy in New Jersey.

The updated EMP suggests that, *"to protect ratepayers from the unacceptable costs associated with unproven technologies,"* the BPU has little current interest in offshore wind energy. *"While the future may bring change, offshore wind in the U.S. is not economically viable at this time."*

We believe that ratepayer interests would be better served if the BPU identified and advanced initiatives that would promote more efficient and lower-cost offshore wind. New Jersey ratepayers clearly have an interest in developing the clean energy resource available at large scale directly off the New Jersey coast.

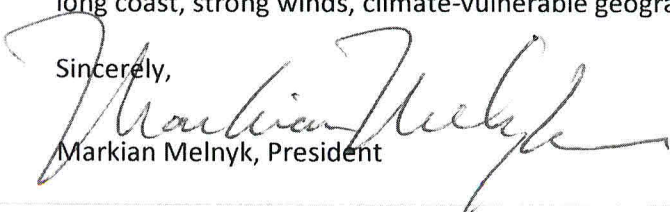
New Jersey offshore wind is:

- A plentiful, clean, renewable resource.
- A new industry with great job creation potential.
- An alternative energy resource that improves energy security by lessening the State's over-reliance on natural gas.
- An alternative energy resource that improves economic security through more in-state generation of fixed-price energy instead of volatile-priced, fossil fuel-derived energy.

The BPU points out that the Oyster Creek nuclear plant will close and a natural gas-fired power plant is among the solutions under consideration to replace the lost energy and capacity. Offshore wind energy could readily replace Oyster Creek's generation. New Jersey's offshore wind area is only 30-35 miles away from the Oyster Creek site.

Why not seize the opportunity to make New Jersey the U.S. leader in offshore wind? New Jersey has a long history of bold innovation, from Edison's laboratories in Menlo Park and West Orange to the revolutionary inventions of Bell Labs. Why shouldn't New Jersey's scientists, engineers, tradespeople and, yes, ratepayers write the next chapter in offshore wind innovation? In fact, there is no energy technology that is better suited for New Jersey to develop, given the state's long coast, strong winds, climate-vulnerable geography, and the world's growing need for zero-carbon energy.

Sincerely,


Markian Melnyk, President



BregalEnergy

New Jersey Energy Link
8606 Second Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910
240-396-0344

