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Page 3 Thanks folks for for MR. HAGER: 1 2 joining us. Just a quick Zoom rundown for those of you who are unfamiliar. 3 In the bottom left corner of your Zoom 4 5 screen you'll see your unmute and start video button. If you just click those, you'll be able 6 7 to speak and share your video. Under the reactions tab, if you click 8 9 on that and then click the raise hand function, that 10 will be helpful for when you want to raise public comment, just click on raise hand, you'll be put in 11 12 the queue. 13 And we would appreciate that if you could change your screen name to first and last name 14 so we have that right when we call on you. 15 And if you have any issues, feel free 16 17 to chat myself in the chat box which you'll see at the bottom right of the screen over there. 18 19 And I'll put myself in chat so you can 20 easily find me. And feel free to e-mail me if you have any technical problems. 21 22 All right. 23 Back to you, Pat. 24 MR. FIELD: Okay, great. Let me just -- let me introduce the 25



Page 4 agenda and then I'm going to really hand it over to 1 2 New Jersey to, kind of, do a welcome and describe 3 what we're doing here. So if we could go, Cam, to the next 4 5 slide, please. 6 Thank you. 7 So, again, we're just, kind of, setting the stage this afternoon or early evening for the 8 9 piece here. We'll have some opening remarks from 10 Jennifer Moriarty from NJ DEP in just one second. I'll just kind of go through the 11 process for this hearing tonight in terms of the 12 online approach. We'll keep that brief. 13 And then really almost all the time is 14 15 dedicated to you all to make public comment on this particular filing. 16 17 And so we'll go through the grounds rules in a little bit, but really most of the time is 18 really dedicated to you all and your comments on 19 this. 20 And then we'll turn back to NJ DEP for 21 22 a few closing remarks as we end. 23 So I'm going to turn it back over to 24 Jennifer to welcome us and get things moving. 25 MS. MORIARTY: Okay.



Page 5 Thanks, Pat. 1 2 Good evening, my name is Jennifer 3 Moriarty. I'm the Director of the Division of Land Resource Protection at the New Jersey Department of 4 5 Environmental Protection. 6 Today we're providing an opportunity 7 for public comment on the Coastal Area Facility Review Act, or CAFRA, individual permit, waterfront 8 9 development individual in water permit, coastal 10 wetlands permit, freshwater wetlands individual permit and flood hazard area verification 11 12 applications for Orsted's Ocean Wind 1 project which 13 proposes the construction of near-shore and onshore components associated with the development of a 14 commercial scale offshore wind energy facility within 15 lease area OCS-0498 off the coast of New Jersey. 16 The project proposal includes up to 98 17 wind turbine generators, inter-array cables, up to 18 three offshore substations, two onshore substations 19 20 and two transmission cables making landfall in Ocean County, New Jersey and Cape May County, New Jersey. 21 22 The project will be located in 23 Berkeley, Ocean and Lacey Townships within Ocean County and in Ocean City and Upper Township within 24 Cape May County. 25



Page 6 The project would contribute to New 1 Jersey's goal of 11 gigawatts of offshore wind energy 2 3 generation by 2040 as outlined in New Jersey's Governor's Executive Order No. 307, which was issued 4 5 on September 21st, 2022. 6 Further, the project is intended to 7 fulfill the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities September 20th, 2018, solicitation for 1,100 8 9 megawatts of offshore wind that was awarded to Ocean 10 Wind via the New Jersey BPU on June 21st, 2019. You can switch it to the slide -- Cam 11 12 has the site on it. 13 Yeah, so this slide depicts the locations of the various components of the project 14 that I just described, and there's a legend at the 15 top identifying each component for your reference. 16 17 The permit application is currently under review by the Department to determine the 18 compliance with the applicable state land use 19 20 regulations, including the coastal zone management rules, the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act rules, 21 22 the Flood Hazard Area Control Act rules and the 23 stormwater management rules. 24 While other state approvals may be required for this project, the focus of the hearing 25



Page 7 today is limited to the CAFRA waterfront department, 1 freshwater wetlands and flood hazard area 2 applications that were previously described. 3 This hearing is an opportunity for the 4 5 Department to obtain supplemental information from the public on this permit application as it relates 6 7 to the above-referenced regulations and as such, no decision has yet been made regarding this permit. 8 9 The Department will not be responding 10 to comments or questions today. The legal and technical complexity of the issues raised and our 11 12 need to allow time to all who wish to comment make it impractical to answer questions or respond to 13 comments in this forum. 14 15 However, the Department will be listening closely to your comments and will consider 16 17 all comments and questions in its review of the permit application. 18 19 Where your concerns or comments are not 20 clear to us, we may ask for clarification so we can best consider your comments as we review the 21 22 application. 23 We appreciate you taking the time to 24 attend this hearing. 25 Please focus your comments on this



Page 8 project, as only relevant comments will be considered 1 in our review. 2 3 And with that, Patrick Field from the Consensus Building Institute, who is assisting the 4 Department in facilitating this hearing, will go over 5 some of the procedural aspects and ground rules for 6 7 the hearing. MR. FIELD: Okay. Thank you, Jennifer. 8 9 So we'll go through kind of the Okav. 10 rules of the road for the hearing tonight. So anyone who wishes to speak tonight, 11 12 we want to make sure we provide an opportunity for 13 them to speak. And that will be via verbal comment. So what you want to do is one of two 14 ways to, kind of, make note of that is preferably use 15 the raise-hand function in Zoom. The raise-hand 16 function is under reactions. 17 18 If you go to reactions, click on the little arrow, up pops a number of things. There's a 19 20 hand raised there, you can use that. Sometimes people mistakenly hit the 21 22 party hat or whatever, that's fine, although you want 23 to be called on, no worries. 24 Or you can actually just say in chat to us, hey, I want to comment and I'll try to get you in 25



1 the queue as well.

2 So the speakers order would really be 3 in the order of the hands raised, and if something comes in chat, I'll insert it somewhere in there. 4 5 What we do want to do as we start, 6 we'll do it in just a minute, is if there's any 7 public officials online, essentially anyone who's elected from the state or local level, we want to 8 9 give them an opportunity to speak first. And I'll 10 provide that time in just a minute. We ask, so that everyone has a chance 11 12 to comment, that people limit their comments to three 13 minutes per speaker. And we'll go through a full round for 14 everybody who wants to speak. As you can just see, 15 Cam, in his window, just put a timer in there that 16 17 we'll use and we'll explain that in just a second. 18 And if we get through everybody and there's time, if you want another round and a few 19 20 more folks who want to -- didn't feel like they got their -- all their words in, in the three minutes, we 21 22 can do another round as needed. When we call -- when I call on you, and 23 24 I'll try to keep people in queue, if you could just state your name and any affiliation as you start, 25



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Page 10 that's actually helpful for the record. 1 The chat function is strictly for 2 3 technical assistance, so in this particular meeting where it's a hearing, the chat is not for back and 4 5 forth or comments in writing. 6 The chat is simply to let us know, hey, 7 I can't run this or I can't do that. 8 So you do need to make your comment 9 verbally tonight if you actually want your comment 10 entered into the record and/or to put it in writing by the end of the month, which we'll explain in just 11 12 a little bit as well. 13 Next slide. So as Cam put in his box, there's a 14 15 little timer there, so we ask speakers to, kind of, make sure you can see that and it just gives you a 16 17 sense of the time as you're speaking. 18 When you are the speaker, we try to have the speaker view on so we can see you. 19 We'd 20 love to have your video on when you are speaking, and really you, kind of, get the screen for that three 21 22 minutes. But just do watch the timer. 23 If you happen to miss that or get 24 passionate about your comments and run over, I will verbally remind you and eventually, kind of, make 25



Page 11 sure that you're done so others can go within the 1 allotted three minutes, and I want to try to be as 2 3 fair to everybody as we can be. Again, I think, as Jennifer noted, the 4 5 department is really in listening mode tonight. 6 So they're not going to respond, 7 they're not going to answer questions. But they are 8 taking this all down and later in writing, when they 9 have a chance to prepare the whole response, they 10 will do so. The product proponent, which, I don't 11 12 know if they're on or not tonight, but if someone from Orsted or staff are on tonight, they are 13 strictly in listening mode as well, and this is 14 really the state's hearing regarding the permits as 15 Jennifer mentioned. 16 Next slide. 17 18 A few rules of the road. These are just, you know, good rules of the road for, kind of, 19 20 you know, discourse, that we ask that when the person is speaking for the three minutes, it's really -- the 21 22 floor is theirs and they have that opportunity to 23 speak. 24 We would ask that people exercise a modicum of civility so, you know, generally it's 25



Page 12 probably more applicable at in-person hearings, but, 1 2 like, let people do their piece, please try to avoid 3 too colorful of language, we are in a public setting. And if anything were to go particularly 4 5 awry, you know, the Department would certainly intervene to make sure this was constructive and 6 7 respectful. 8 People can have a range of views and 9 strongly felt, no problem. Just ask people to 10 display a modicum of civility. 11 Again, if people can just, kind of, 12 follow my guidance on speaking time and order and the sort of sequence of people, that is helpful to keep 13 things moving. 14 And then I think it's just an important 15 note, kind of, procedurally here, this hearing is not 16 17 an adversarial proceeding nor a contested case hearing, it's a public hearing on the set of permits. 18 So persons who speak will -- you're not 19 sworn in as a witness, there's no cross examine. 20 21 Those three minutes are yours to 22 express your viewpoints and opinions, concerns, 23 issues as you see fit. Obviously, we'd much prefer you focus 24 on the topic at hand, of course. 25



Page 13 But unless -- you know, unless there's 1 something dramatic, I'm not going to intervene in 2 3 terms of as you're covering your comments for those three minutes. 4 5 Two things. We do have a Court 6 Reporter who is doing a written transcript of this 7 hearing. We also have the Zoom recording online -you know, which will be made available at a later 8 9 point online, so we've got two ways to record the 10 verbal comments being made, and in writing to make 11 sure that the Department then can respond, respond to 12 them in the specific way that you all expressed those comments or issues. 13 14 All right. 15 Next slide. 16 Okay. So written comments, again, are 17 really due typically within 15 days of the last 18 scheduled hearing which is coming up on the 15th in 19 person. So comments can be submitted 20 electronically through the Department's offshore wind 21 22 web page. Cam will put this in chat, too, so it's 23 available to you right there on the -- in your chat function. 24 25 There's also a mailing code as well,



Page 14 and I believe that people should really submit those 1 2 by -- I believe it is, but, Jennifer, am I right, is that December 31st. 3 Is that correct? 4 5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: December 30th. MS. MORIARTY: I would like to -- yup, 6 December 30th. 7 Thanks, Linda. 8 9 MR. FIELD: Thank you very much. 10 Thank you. So December 30th would be any written 11 12 comments you want to submit. 13 Often, as people feel like three 14 minutes isn't enough, so they want to put something 15 in longer and more detailed in writing and the Department absolutely welcomes that. 16 17 Okay. So, again, raise your hand if you want to speak. You know, what I want to do is 18 right now if you do want to speak, I want to first 19 turn to elected officials. 20 21 So if there is any state or local 22 elected official present who does want to make a 23 three-minute comment, I want to provide that 24 opportunity first. 25 So anybody who is an elected official,



Page 15 if you want to raise your hand, I would call on you 1 2 first. 3 So we'll go through that round first. Let me just give that a minute. 4 5 MR. PETERSON: I'm having -- can you hear me? 6 7 I'm an elected official, but I --MR. FIELD: Hi, John. 8 9 Yes, John, I can hear you, and if you 10 would like to make a comment, just introduce yourself 11 and we'll let you go. 12 MR. PETERSON: Great. 13 Thank you, sir. 14 MR. FIELD: Thank you. 15 My name is John A. MR. PETERSON: Peterson, Jr. I'm the Mayor in the Borough of 16 17 Seaside Park in Ocean County, New Jersey. 18 And the -- among the other issues factually and legally, the proposed transmission 19 20 cables are located immediately adjacent to our municipality in what is currently known as the south 21 22 Seaside Park section of Berkeley Township. 23 I thank the DEP for allowing this forum, hosting this. 24 25 Nonetheless, as implied in the opening



Page 16 comments by Mr. Field, I find the time period 1 woefully insufficient. I do intend to submit written 2 comments. I've jotted down just a few areas to 3 4 cover. 5 One of my main concerns about this process concerns the reflection of artificial 6 7 historical demarcations which are unrealistic in 8 terms of geography. 9 And I say that because this is focusing 10 on just one of the many applications pending and only one segment of the pristine offshore coast of New 11 12 Jersey. 13 I would suggest, most respectfully, that from the DEP's standpoint, all of the pending 14 applications for wind farms off our coast should be 15 looked at in certain respects from a cumulative 16 17 perspective. 18 They are all one in the same. And I say that from the perspective of endangered species, 19 20 from migratory birds, from the whales, for example. Our particular municipality, for 21 22 example, has been blessed the last few falls in an 23 ever increasing number of humpback whales which are right off the beach, as recently as this last week. 24 And the proposed construction of what can only be 25



Page 17 labeled to be a massive construction project is right 1 2 in the migratory zones of not just the humpback 3 whales, but, of course, the totally threatened, nearly extinct white whales. 4 5 I say my comments from a number of perspectives, and respectfully, I would suggest that 6 7 this, for want of a better term, in terms of this proposal and the others, similar, concurrent, 8 9 fast-tracked proposals for wind farms off our coast 10 are simply far too much, too fast. 11 And those comments naturally can be 12 expanded upon. And I am -- the arrogance of man in general can't be overstated. We've already virtually 13 lost our temperate rain forests. 14 15 Little of the arctic remains unspoiled. 16 And perhaps the only ecosystem left is 17 that of the ocean, and even that is threatened. 18 And for us to allow this process to continue and what is left of the white whale could be 19 20 the equivalent of condemning them to extinction. That is only one of the areas of many I 21 22 have of concern as to this proposal and similar ones 23 pending. 24 MR. FIELD: That's it. 25 MR. PETERSON: This kind of a



Page 18 process would never stand if this was a land-based 1 2 application. 3 It is simply sweeping issues under the rug by utilizing the ocean. 4 5 And I apologize, I've gone slightly over, and I will submit written comments accordingly. 6 7 I thank the DEP, I thank the host for allowing me to speak. 8 9 MR. FIELD: John, thank you so much. 10 Appreciate the comment. MR. PETERSON: Thank you, sir. 11 12 MR. FIELD: I want to turn -- I'm going to start just taking hands in order, and if there are 13 other elected officials, just make sure to get your 14 hand up and leave your hand up until you're done 15 speaking. 16 17 When you do speak, obviously unmute, and also we would love to see your picture if that's 18 okay. 19 20 And then when you're done, just make sure that you also lower your hand or we can do that 21 22 for you. 23 One thing, if you're on the phone, I believe that \*9 -- Cam, is that right, that raises 24 your hand? 25



Page 19 MR. HAGER: \*6. 1 MR. FIELD: Okay. 2 3 MR. HAGER: Unmute and \*9 will raise your hand. 4 5 MR. FIELD: Okay. \*6 mute and unmute on your phone, \*9 raise your hand. 6 7 If you're on the Zoom app on your phone there's a way to do that in the app, but it's just 8 sometimes a little confusing. 9 10 So, Maria, you're up next, and then Paul Eidman after Maria. 11 12 So, Maria, over to you. Please introduce yourself. 13 MS. RITTER: Just unmuting myself and 14 getting my video going. Sorry about that. 15 MR. FIELD: No, thank you. 16 17 MS. RITTER: Hi, I'm Maria Ritter. I 18 live in Point Pleasant. I am also one of the board members of 19 20 Save Barnegat Bay. My concern is mostly centered on the 21 22 bay. I have two issues that I have not seen addressed yet. 23 24 One is, as we know, we have new stormwater regulations. I went down to Lacey 25



Page 20 Township to look at the applications. Right now, as 1 2 we know, Barnegat Bay is a Category 1, which means 3 that no stormwaters are allowed to drain into it. And right now in the facility that they plan on 4 5 using, they're not updating the drainage system. And 6 they are planning to put it right back into Barnegat 7 Bay, which they have not provided a solution for, 8 and I don't think is a good concern because Barnegat 9 Bay needs to be protected. 10 The other question is the eelgrass 11 there, a new published article just came out 12 concerning about how sea grass actually converts 40 percent more CO2 than trees. 13 And right now they are planning on 14 putting the cables down through some of the lushest 15 parts of the eelgrass. 16 17 There's no reason for this. There are other ways for them to come in. They do not need to 18 19 cross over Long Island -- Long Beach State Park. 20 There's just no reason for it. It goes way out of their way. 21 22 They can come through the channel. 23 Although it might be technically more difficult, in 24 the long run the eelgrass does not come back. 25 And I think that is a grave concern for



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    would really like to know more about.
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                  MR. FIELD: Thank you so much for your
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    then Swarna after that.
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                  MR. EIDMAN: Yes, hi there and thanks
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                  MR. FIELD: You sound good.
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                  MR. EIDMAN: My name is Captain Paul
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                   I'm a small business owner and operator
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Page 22 charter boat and whale watching tour boat along our 1 2 coast. 3 I see no reason why the permit should not be granted to Orsted. 4 5 And I support the burial of the 6 transmission cable through and running it through the 7 Green Acres property and over to the old power plant. 8 As a waterman, if I felt that this 9 project posed a threat or a danger to my friends, the 10 whales, the dolphins or the turtles, I would not support this or other projects like this. 11 12 Additionally, I feel that offshore wind is a clear path to ending the burning of fossil fuels 13 for electricity. 14 15 I feel that ocean warming, ocean acidification and polluted air need to be reduced as 16 17 soon as possible so all of us can benefit. 18 I feel that the dangers and effects of 19 climate change are far greater than any perceived 20 value -- excuse me -- perceived harm from the installation or operation of the wind farms. 21 22 And that's about it. 23 Thank you. 24 MR. FIELD: Great. 25 Thank you, Paul. Appreciate it.



Page 23 All right. For any mispronunciation of 1 2 names, please do forgive me. 3 Swarna, over to you. MS. MUTHUKRISHNAN: Thank you. 4 5 Do you hear me? MR. FIELD: Yes, you sound good. 6 7 MS. MUTHUKRISHNAN: My name is Swarna 8 Muthukrishnan. And I'm the water quality research 9 director for Clean Ocean Action. 10 I'm here to offer my testimony today for the state permit applications. 11 12 We all know that getting the science right with offshore wind energy development is 13 extremely critical because the overarching goal is 14 toward a cleaner, greener future to mitigate the 15 impacts of climate change, but what we have seen is 16 17 the dome (Audio Distortion) and the state governments have actually overlooked critical scientific data 18 gaps in pushing and accelerated agenda to 19 industrialize millions of acres of the marine 20 environment. 21 22 And for such an endeavor, the 23 repetitive assertions that impacts, if any, will be 24 minimal or negligible is too good to be true or 25 accurate.



Page 24 All of this development will impact 1 2 near shore and onshore, including areas where 3 scientists recommend retreat due to climate change. The DEP's research and monitoring 4 5 initiative on offshore wind is critical to good 6 science and governance; however, we know that the 7 study is behind schedule. Access to data is limited, 8 9 collaboration with entities is unknown, and yet 10 offshore wind is really being sidetracked. Orsted's state permit applications were 11 12 deemed complete by DEP, yet it lacks important 13 details and skirts responsibilities for the impacts near shore, onshore and offshore. 14 The 2021 Comprehensive Conservation 15 Management Plan for Barnegat Bay acknowledges that 16 17 the sustainability of ecosystem services and the resources, economy, communities (Audio Distortion) 18 and the people are increasingly at risk and catalyzed 19 20 by climate change and sea level rising impacts, and it calls for conscious efforts to actually promote 21 22 and support resilient and sustainable land use 23 practices including soil restoration, shoreline 24 restoration, bridge material management and low impact development. 25



Page 25 And this can happen only when county, 1 local, regional, state land use managers and other 2 3 entities work collaboratively. However, the permit applications do not 4 5 respond adequately to these pressing issues of 6 concern and do not refer to integration. 7 And some examples of a clear lack of 8 integration are in not aligning the state of the bay 9 report that came up in 2021 for the bay and the CCMP 10 that was released early this year. 11 And the most important one is the 12 Coastal Storm Risk Management Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Tier 1D report that was 13 released in August of 2021. 14 Technically working groups, NJ DEP and 15 a lot of peers, interest groups and non-partisan 16 17 groups like Clean Ocean Action have routinely highlighted the lack of sufficient data, 18 uncertainties and impacts to population levels and 19 the need to thoroughly understand cumulative impacts, 20 just to name a few. 21 22 Without the ocean, there is no us. 23 No one denies that offshore wind may 24 have value to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, but let's do it right. 25



Page 26 Let's start with a collective and try 1 to state an objective to get the science right before 2 3 critical decisions are made that could forever impact the ocean. 4 5 And that begins with the responsibility effort to begin at a smaller scale what we have been 6 7 consistently referencing to as a pilot project. We will be submitting comments in 8 9 written version also, and thank you so much for the 10 opportunity. MR. FIELD: Thank you so much for your 11 12 comments. 13 I want to thank all the speakers for keeping to the time limit, really appreciate it so 14 15 everyone can speak. For folks who joined late, we are in 16 17 public comment period. People are giving up to three 18 minutes. There's a timer that Cam has in his 19 20 window for people to watch and I'm just taking people in sequence. 21 22 If you just joined and you do want to 23 make a comment, under reactions there is a raise-hand 24 function. Raise your hand and I will call in order. 25 So let me go next to Bob Stern and then



Page 27 to Michael Dean. 1 2 So, Bob, over to you. 3 MR. STERN: Hi. Can you hear me? 4 5 MR. FIELD: Yes, you sound good. 6 MR. STERN: Good. All right. 7 Thanks for the opportunity to talk to you this evening. 8 9 I represent a group called Save Long 10 Beach Island Incorporated. We currently have about 4,500 supporters. That's not just people on Long 11 12 Beach Island, but in the general area on land and further south as well. 13 And we are not opposed to offshore wind 14 15 energy in general, we think it has a place in the energy mix, but we are concerned, as previous 16 17 speakers, with the site selection process and how each project could be weighed. 18 I won't go into the adverse impacts of 19 the particular project, but I would like to just make 20 a comment or ask some questions about the benefits of 21 22 these projects, because I think in the end each 23 project should come down to some weighing of cost and benefit. 24 25 And in the introductory remarks,



statements made by the Commissioner, it speaks to a 1 2 number of broad benefits like reducing climate change, reducing sea level rise and so on, but we --3 we get, kind of, confused here because with regard to 4 5 climate change, the federal agency itself, the BOEM, states in impact statements, and I quote from their 6 7 Vineyard Wind Impact Statement, that there will be no 8 collective impact on climate change from these 9 projects.

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10 Similarly, with respect to sea level rise, it appears, based on international climate 11 12 change reports, that there will be no reduction in sea level rise, but just some small delay for our 13 project off LBI, we estimated that the only sea level 14 rise benefit would be a delay of nine days in 15 whatever sea level rise is coming, which hardly seems 16 17 worth a \$5 billion investment. 18 And then it goes on, it speaks to protection of aquatic resources. 19 20 But again, as a previous caller mentioned, these projects are right in the migration 21 22 path of a critically endangered whale. 23 We can't see how that protects aquatic 24 resources. 25 And, finally, with respect to



Page 29 greenhouse gas reductions, it's probably true that 1 2 there will be some greenhouse gas reduction in New Jersey, but we share power in a larger grid, and the 3 4 fact that we can no longer share that power all the 5 time because we're using intermittent sources may 6 actually cause places like Western Pennsylvania to 7 have to crank up coal sources. So in a regional basis, it's not clear 8 9 whether we're going to reduce or increase greenhouse 10 gases. So the bottom line of all this is I 11 12 would ask the DEP, in making these broad statements, to try to pin them down to some technical resource, 13 some document, some analysis, because we're trying 14 15 hard to do that when we criticize, and I think the same standard should be applied to proponents who 16 17 offer benefits. So I'll leave it at that, based on the 18 timeframe, and would appreciate seeing that kind of 19 technical support in the future. 20 21 Thank you very much. 22 Thank you, Bob, for your MR. FIELD: 23 comments. Appreciate it. 24 Okay. I think we've got Michael Dean and then Suzanne Horneck. 25



Page 30 Michael, over to you. 1 MR. DEAN: 2 Thanks, Patrick. 3 And thanks for all the DEP Commissioners and staff for the opportunity to speak 4 5 tonight. 6 I spoke the other day, I had a number 7 of questions, but first off, you know, I am in opposition of the project at large, and I believe all 8 9 the permit applications submitted related to this 10 issue should be halted and rejected at this point. They were listed at the beginning, by 11 12 my count that's only -- as the Mayor pointed out, you know, we're doing things piecemeal here and not 13 looking at things cumulatively in terms of the 14 15 overall projects that are being proposed, but also in terms of the permits required here for the New Jersey 16 17 DEP. 18 By my count, there's 13 or 14 that are We're addressing five with this public 19 required. call. 20 I had a question on the last call that 21 22 I still haven't gotten an answer to whether there 23 will be public hearings for the other permits just for this one project. You know, there are at least a 24 dozen other ones coming down the road. 25



Page 31 I think there's three active and, you 1 2 know, one of the main ones -- I know there's a lot of 3 people on here from Ocean City and from Cape May County, is the Green Acres diversion permit that the 4 5 company, itself, held a hearing for without the New 6 Jersey -- held a New Jersey DEP application hearing 7 for without the DEP present, solicited comments for 8 that hearing and for that application. 9 The application is actually in 10 different places on the DEP's website, it's kind of hard to find. 11 12 So, I mean, it's a long way of saying this process is just -- it seems out of order without 13 all of the applications being in, and also out of 14 order with respect to any of the federal studies 15 being completed to date. 16 17 So I don't know how an agency of the state that's charged with protecting the environment 18 for the citizens and -- actually all the inhabitants 19 20 of the state, the humans and every other species, as, you know, Mayor Peterson pointed out and Bob just did 21 22 as well, that many of which are threatened, how you 23 can proceed with individual -- with a handful of 24 individual permits for a project that is going to have that massive an implication when we don't even 25



Page 32 know where the rest of the projects are. 1 2 So they're the crux of my comments. Ι 3 echo everything the prior speakers have said. With respect to the individual ones, 4 5 particularly what Bob just pointed out, I would like 6 to highlight that as well. 7 It seems like every time you go through 8 comments from the supporters of the project or even 9 the applicants -- when you go through the actual 10 application, it presents these broad, sweeping, it 11 will benefit the environment in general, it will help 12 climate change, and there's no hard data to back it 13 up. In fact, as Bob pointed out, the BOEM 14 studies actually -- actually claim otherwise. 15 So, I mean, in that sense, the 16 17 applications are false and misleading to begin with. 18 So I would like you, as Bob suggested, to hold them to the same standard or to some higher 19 20 standard. I mean, I know I'm running out of time 21 22 here, but I would ask -- you know, I do appreciate --23 MR. FIELD: Time's up. 24 MR. DEAN: -- the opportunity to speak. 25 One of the Department of Environmental



Page 33 Protection's guiding principles, there's only five 1 listed on the website, is to be open and transparent 2 3 with the public. So it -- I mean, it would be helpful at 4 5 some point if somebody could lay out, maybe in a hearing or at the end of this, it might be helpful, 6 7 what is the status of the other -- of the other permits and how is that process -- how is the whole 8 9 process going to play out? 10 MR. FIELD: Michael, thank you. It's been a little bit over three 11 12 minutes, but I think the point absolutely noted about the other permits. 13 14 MR. DEAN: Yeah, okay. 15 We would like to have -- but, again, thank you for the opportunity to speak. 16 17 MR. FIELD: Thank you very much. Appreciate it. 18 I think Suzanne Horneck is next and 19 then Edward V is after that. 20 21 So, Suzanne, over to you. 22 And thanks, Michael. 23 MS. HORNECK: Hi, I'm Suzanne. 24 And I am one of the founders of, and 25 representing, Protect Our Coast NJ, which has



Page 34 approximately 2500 people and growing. 1 2 We vehemently oppose this and all 3 offshore wind for all the reasons that have already been mentioned. 4 5 I do have a couple of questions. I don't understand why the public will not get answers 6 7 from the DEP to our questions. That seems wrong. 8 Also, why is the next meeting being 9 held so far away from Ocean City and the other 10 coastal towns, you know, when this is Ground Zero? 11 My third question is to Captain Eidman, 12 and I just wonder if he's on Orsted's payroll. Ι assume that he is because his information is 13 incorrect. 14 15 Now, the reasons that I am, and my group is, opposed to this and all offshore wind is so 16 17 numerous I can't mention it all in three minutes, but basically there -- this whole process is just so 18 unprofessional. 19 20 These things are experimental, inefficient, extravagantly expensive. 21 22 The environmental impact studies are 23 not complete. The paperwork that we do have from Orsted is erroneous at best, and contains outright 24 25 lies.



Page 35 If you ask my opinion, which, if you 1 give me more than three minutes, I'll be happy to 2 3 cite specifics on that, but Ocean City's attorney has already done so. This is not a utility. It is not 4 5 appropriate for the BPU to be in charge of 6 determining whether or not the state, after taking 7 away our rights and all constituents' rights to home 8 rule, should be allowed to hold secret hearings and 9 grant permission to take our land that's already been 10 designated as Green Acres away from us, to lay radiation emitting cables across our beach, our 11 island and our wetlands. 12 13 That is not okay with anybody in -that I can think of who's not standing to make a 14 15 profit from this. Furthermore, just to be clear, we 16 17 object to the BPU president making these decisions when he is accepting gifts from Orsted, which has 18 been pubically documented. 19 20 Now, according to the comps for Ocean Wind 1 and Atlantic Shores, as well as the DEIS for 21 22 Ocean Wind 1, we know that both of these -- all of 23 these projects are going to increase our use of 24 fossil fuels, increase our carbon emissions for the duration of the construction, which could last 10 to 25



Page 36 15, possibly 20 years, at which time the original 1 ones that were built will fail, they will have to be 2 3 done again. So it will be an ongoing thing of just constant upheaval of our coastline, of our ocean, of 4 5 our communities. 6 This is such a ridiculous concept and I 7 have to ask why? Is it because certain politicians 8 are invested in Orsted and other companies? 9 Why on earth would anybody want to do 10 this and eradicate several endangered species that are crucial to our food chain? 11 12 I mean, this makes no sense. 13 And on top of that, you know, they keep telling us things like: Oh, this will make for great 14 reef fishing, except we don't have reef fish and 15 Orsted --16 17 MR. FIELD: Your time is up. 18 MS. HORNECK: Okay. 19 -- Orsted intends to prevent the public 20 from fishing in that area anyway for safety reasons. 21 The whole thing is a nightmare. 22 And I beg you to not approve this or 23 any other plan. 24 MR. FIELD: Thank you, Suzanne. 25 I do want to make note of one important



Page 37 ground rule, I would ask that people not comment on 1 2 other commenters. 3 Captain Eidman did let me know that he is in no way employed or works for Orsted or any 4 5 other developer. And I would ask people to refrain from 6 7 comment on others and their affiliation. Please speak for yourself. Concerns 8 9 that you had, no problem, but please don't speak 10 about other commenters and their affiliations. MS. HORNECK: I apologize. 11 12 MR. FIELD: Suzanne, thank you so much, 13 I appreciate it. 14 Suzanne, thanks for your comments. 15 I'm going to turn it over to Ed V next. Ed, over to you. 16 17 Ed, if you can just introduce yourself 18 and affiliation. 19 MR. VIENCKOWSKI: I assume you meant Ed Vienckowski when you said Ed V? 20 I just --21 22 MR. FIELD: You got it. Sorry about 23 that. I just didn't want to risk saying your name 24 wrong. 25 MR. VIENCKOWSKI: Understood.



Page 38 It happens all the time. Okay. 1 2 So my name is Ed Vienckowski. I'm a 3 resident of Plumsted Township, but I've spent much of my life in and around Barnegat Bay. 4 5 And full transparency, I'm currently 6 serving as the board chair for Save Barnegat Bay, 7 though my comments this evening are my personal 8 comments. 9 My first comment is I have to tell you 10 that I am really disappointed with the timing of these public hearings and the comment period. 11 12 I just think it's shameful to be 13 cramming three public hearings within -- between Thanksgiving and Christmas and then having written 14 15 comments due between Christmas and New Years Eve or New Years Day. 16 17 With so much else -- so much going on in that time period for the general public, I just 18 think it was a shameful tactic, I think, to reduce --19 20 actually reduce participation by the public, which -it should have been done at a different time. 21 22 Beyond that, I mean, I think I can 23 speak for Save Barnegat Bay in saying that we're 24 generally favorable to any form of renewable energy, but what's going on out in the ocean, our mission is 25



Page 39 -- and focus is to protect Barnegat Bay. 1 2 So we're going to limit our comments to 3 the planned disruption of Barnegat Bay. And I should say that we'll be 4 5 submitting written comments, so I'm not going to 6 dwell this evening on what those comments will be, 7 but be assured that we -- Save Barnegat Bay will be 8 submitting written comments in response to this 9 permit application. 10 Briefly, the two major areas of concern 11 are the disruption to these precious eelgrasses, 12 which I think has been stated earlier, you know, are one of the most effective means of reducing 13 14 greenhouse gases. So to disrupt those, and they don't 15 grow back at all with any ease, we're very concerned 16 17 with the potential disruption to the eelgrasses that's primarily on, you know, on the in shore side 18 of Island Beach State Park where it's currently 19 20 planned to run these lines. 21 Beyond that, we're also very concerned at the other end that we're, you know, running these 22 lines to the Oyster Creek site. That's a site that's 23 24 taken us 50 years to close down and a site that did 25 irreparable and incalculable harm to Barnegat Bay and



Page 40 the wildlife and every living organism in Barnegat 1 2 Bay. We finally got the thing closed down 3 and now there's a plan to disrupt that site in a 4 5 manner that gives us grave concern about what, again, continuing harm to Barnegat Bay, be it -- whether it 6 7 be stormwater, whether it be dredging, and all else that's planned on that site. 8 9 That's pretty much the gist of it. 10 I apologize if I went over, and I do thank you for the opportunity to comment. 11 12 I just wish it didn't have to be a couple of weeks before Christmas. 13 14 Thank you. 15 MR. FIELD: Edward, thank you. Really appreciate it. 16 17 Other people who would like to make a comment, if you want to raise your hand. 18 Again, if you're on the phone, you can 19 hit \*9 and that will let us know that you would like 20 to make a comment. 21 22 So I want to give people, other folks who have not spoken a chance to comment. 23 24 I will then give that a minute and do a quick summary of the comments that I heard in very 25



Page 41 short version, and then we'll give people a final 1 chance if they want to comment. 2 3 So, give a pause here for a minute. (Brief Pause.) 4 5 MR. FIELD: I would just note the range 6 of comments, and again, the transcriber and the Zoom 7 recording will capture the detail that you provided, 8 this will just be very short, but I think a range of 9 issues that we heard concerns about intermittent 10 resources, concerns about cumulative impact, concerns 11 about impacts on marine mammals, stormwater, 12 eelgrass, dune structure; a fair amount of 13 conversation about do or don't they really reduce carbon emissions and address climate change. 14 Comments around, kind of, science and 15 evidence and thoroughness. Concerns about the speed 16 17 of the development of this and other projects as 18 well. Questions or comments about integration 19 20 of both various entities or jurisdictions, as well as issues, concerns about the site selection process. 21 22 Also, I think a number of more process 23 concerns that people raised around this process in terms of meeting time, length, et cetera. 24 25 And then, lastly, about the Oyster site



Page 42 in particular, Oyster Creek site in particular, as 1 the last commenter made. 2 3 So I will now turn it to another commenter, Francis. Over to you. And just state 4 5 your name and affiliation. MR. DZIEDZIC: Can you hear me? 6 MR. FIELD: Yes, sir. We hear you. 7 8 We hear you well. 9 MR. DZIEDZIC: Hi, my name is Francis 10 Dziedzic. I have no affiliation. I'm a homeowner 11 12 in Ocean City. 13 And I also object to the wind project in general. 14 Some of the things were already stated. 15 The fact that it's not going to really reduce the 16 carbon emissions. 17 18 I'm looking at it more from a liability perspective. If you look at what's going on in 19 20 Europe right now, especially in Germany, and also it happened in Texas, wind projects typically make the 21 22 grid less reliable because the wind doesn't blow all 23 the time and the generators will go down. There's also additional issues for the 24 25 backups, so if the wind turbines are not producing



Page 43 electricity, how is the electricity produced? 1 2 Because we need it when the wind's not blowing. 3 So, typically, that means you have to have two sources of generation. You have the wind 4 5 and then you also have the backup generation. Another thing that was not addressed is 6 7 the cost to the ratepayers. Typically whenever you 8 have wind projects, the rate goes up, not down. 9 There was a 60 Minutes episode about a 10 project Orsted did over in Europe and the rates to 11 the consumers actually doubled. 12 Besides that, we're giving our 13 sovereignty, our sovereign to European countries --14 or not country, but a European corporation. 15 They're the ones that are going to be probably profiting from all of this. 16 17 So concern is, is that the dollars to be saved, if any, or revenue is going to go mostly to 18 a European company. 19 20 And, lastly, I just want to know who benefits from this, because I don't see any benefit 21 22 to ratepayers, to homeowners. 23 The only benefit I see is going to be 24 to, again, to a European country. 25 So I think that's all I have.



Page 44 So thank you very much. 1 MR. FIELD: All right. Thank you, 2 3 Francis, for your comments. Other folks who want to comment? 4 5 While we're posting -- just a quick question for DEP. 6 7 Typically when do you post the public comments and response to comments? If you could just 8 9 kind of explain that process a little bit. 10 We just got a question in chat about just the process side, so I don't know whether 11 12 Jennifer or Janet, you want to just respond to how 13 that process -- how the process works. MS. MORIARTY: Yeah, so we will issue a 14 response to comment document when we issue a permit 15 decision on this. 16 17 I can let Janet go into any more detail than that, you know, as far as any other process or 18 timeline, but we will be responding to all of the 19 20 comments that we receive in writing and what we hear here tonight in a response to comments document. 21 22 MR. FIELD: Janet, anything to add to 23 that? 24 MS. STEWART: No, that's absolutely 25 correct.



Page 45 That's how we will handle the response 1 2 to comments. 3 MR. FIELD: Great. Thank you. 4 5 And, Suzanne, hold on just one second. I want to see if other folks want to make a comment 6 7 who haven't and then I -- we do have time to go back 8 -- come back to you, so let me just make sure. 9 Is there anybody else who hasn't spoken 10 who would like to make a comment and then I will go back to Suzanne. 11 12 Doug O'Malley, over to you. 13 And, Suzanne, keep your hand up because I will definitely come back to you. 14 15 Doug? MR. O'MALLEY: 16 Yes. 17 Can you hear me? 18 MR. FIELD: Yep. Sounds good. 19 MR. O'MALLEY: Super. Excellent. 20 Sorry, I was having some problem connecting earlier. 21 22 My name is Doug O'Malley. D-O-U-G, 23 O'Malley, O apostrophe, capital M-A-L-L-E-Y. 24 I serve as the director of Environment New Jersey. We represent more than 80,000 citizen 25



members and activists across the state. 1 2 I wanted to clearly state that I wanted 3 to thank the DEP not only for this hearing, but for their ongoing work on this process, these permits and 4 5 offshore wind. You know, honestly, the clearest threat 6 7 to the Jersey shore is the threat of climate change 8 and is the threat of growing sea level rise. You 9 know, and, you know, clearly we need to develop 10 offshore wind in the most responsible way possible and to use the mantra of DEP to avoid, minimize and 11 12 mitigate environmental impacts, but we also need to be clear that the research in front of us shows that 13 sea level rise is baked in, but it's not -- it 14 entirely depends upon the choices we make over the 15 course of this decade. 16 And climate scientists say that if 17 we're able to reduce climate pollutants by 50 percent 18 over the course of this decade, that we have an 19 20 opportunity to stop the worst impacts of climate

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And that's really what is, kind of, at hand with the question of offshore winds, right. And really what we're hearing is whether we want to stick with the status quo or

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change.



Page 47 develop clean renewable energy that can get us off 1 2 dirty fossil fuels. 3 We have seen a legacy of more than 5,000 offshore wind turbines in Europe, shows the 4 5 technology is incredible viable. We have the Inflation Reduction Act 6 7 which was passed earlier this year by Congress that 8 shows that we can reduce emissions and actually 9 reduce costs in PJM energy grid if we're able to invest in clean energy. 10 And I specifically wanted to cite a 11 12 study that just came out just -- you know, just this week from the Princeton University Zero Lab showing 13 the carbon emissions and electricity costs in PJM 14 will both decline sharply through 2030 if we are 15 making these investments in clean energy and if we're 16 17 able to get them onto the grid. 18 And really, in some ways, this is a zero sum choice. Because just, you know, just 19 20 earlier last -- last week, there was a proposal provided of DEP's NJPAC rules on stationary sources. 21 22 We, in the Monmouth community, strongly 23 advocate the transition away from fossil fuels and we 24 are proud that the Murphy administration has committed to expanding offshore wind and making New 25



Page 48 Jersey a national leader. 1 However, we can't be a national leader 2 3 if we're not developing offshore wind and if we're doing it in scale. 4 5 And the Ocean Wind 1 project is at 6 scale because it will power more than half a million 7 homes, it will provide 1100 megawatts of clean energy 8 which will replace, one, the B.L. England power 9 plant, which now, thankfully, is retired, as well as 10 Oyster Creek, which was obviously an ecological 11 menace to Barnegat Bay. 12 So when we look at the -- not only the decision in front of us here, but also in the broader 13 question of what are we doing about climate change 14 and should we support offshore wind, you know, it --15 it can't -- you know, we can't --16 17 MR. FIELD: Time. 18 MR. O'MALLEY: -- we have to ensure that we're making this investment or else we are 19 20 going to see the worst impacts of climate change. 21 Thank you. 22 MR. FIELD: Great. 23 Thank you so much. Thank you, Doug. Thanks for your comments. 24 25 Anybody else who hasn't spoken yet who



Page 49 would like to make a comment, please raise your hand. 1 And then if I don't see any other 2 3 hands, I will go back to Suzanne. (Brief Pause.) 4 5 MR. FIELD: Okay, Suzanne, back to you. And if you could just reintroduce 6 7 yourself, too, and affiliation would be great. MS. HORNECK: Hi, Suzanne Horneck. 8 9 And I am one of the founders of Protect 10 Our Coast NJ. I'm also a resident of Ocean City. 11 And I agree, climate change is a real 12 problem and we really do need to address it. 13 However, why anybody would think that this is considered clean energy, I have no idea, 14 because if you read the actual paperwork submitted 15 for this plan, as well as the Atlantic Shores plan, 16 17 you will see that it does absolutely nothing but make things worse. 18 We do have other cleaner technologies 19 20 that we should be looking at. This is not it. What I wanted to talked about, though, 21 22 was there have been recently several studies released 23 that talk about how offshore wind destroys tourism and other local industries, which basically is going 24 to wipe Ocean City and other towns that don't have 25



1 anything but tourism to recommend them right off the 2 face of the earth.

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3 But even more important than that is these new studies that are out, and I'd be glad to 4 provide them for anybody that wants them, that talk 5 about how the EMFs, the cables stretching across the 6 7 ocean and across the bay cause mutation and death in 8 certain shellfish and other animals, particularly 9 those that are used for commerce; particularly, 10 lobster, shrimp, scallops, that kind of thing. They get near the EMFs and they die. They mutate and they 11 die because it's radiation. 12 13 We personally don't want this in our water, on our beaches, on our land or in our bay. 14 15 It's dangerous. 16 And we need to do something that's less 17 severe. 18 I called the EPA and I said when you put these cables on our land, they're going to emit 19 radiation. 20 And EPA's response to me, the New 21 22 Jersey EPA's, was, yes, we know. And once it's laid 23 down we'll come out and measure and we'll let you know if it's within allowable limits. 24 25 Well, I'm sorry, but there are no



Page 51 allowable limits of radiation near my children. 1 2 That's something the DEP really needs 3 to consider. This is dangerous. It's not cost effective. And it's -- you know, it's so bad for the 4 environment, it makes no sense. 5 6 Let's look at something that really is 7 green, clean and safe. 8 Thank you. 9 MR. FIELD: Great. Thanks, Suzanne. 10 Is there anyone else tonight who would like to comment during this public hearing? I want 11 12 to give people another opportunity. 13 If there's anybody who hasn't spoken yet, I want to make sure you have your chance. 14 So 15 I'm just looking at the -- looking at the screen for hand raises here. 16 17 Give it a minute. 18 (Brief Pause.) 19 MR. FIELD: Michael Dean, and then 20 Roseanne. Michael? 21 22 MR. DEAN: Apologize for that, I was 23 still on mute. Yeah, I just want to -- I was the one 24 who sent the question in regarding public comments, 25



Page 52 so I don't know if I got a straight answer about 1 2 that, but will public -- will the public comments 3 submitted be available to the public? That was my question. 4 5 And when will they be? 6 You know, as frustrating as the process has been on -- through many different agencies, you 7 know, for the BPU you can go right on and you can see 8 9 all the comments like Suzanne -- there's been a 10 number of very good ones here. They're public comments, why weren't they made -- why would you need 11 12 to go through an OPRA request to see them? 13 I don't understand that. And then since we do have some extra 14 time here, if either, you know, Janet or Jennifer 15 could address, maybe it's a question I had earlier 16 17 about the process in general from the DEP's perspective -- this isn't really a question about the 18 issues, but just the process and how all these other 19 20 permits will be either brought forward in a public hearing or decided on outside of the public view, and 21 22 why is that? 23 So, that's all. 24 Thank you. 25 MR. FIELD: Michael, any process



Page 53 questions I'll hold till the end and then I'll come 1 2 back to those. 3 And if DEP is able, they will answer; if not, they won't. 4 5 But I'll hold onto that, but at the end 6 I'll come back to them, so... 7 MR. DEAN: Appreciate it. 8 MR. FIELD: Roseanne. 9 MS. SEROWATKA: Can anyone hear me? 10 MR. FIELD: Yes, now we can hear you. MS. SEROWATKA: Wonderful. 11 12 I have just walked in the door, and so as someone earlier had said, this is not really such 13 a great time with people having their heads in other 14 ideas, but because this is so important to me, and 15 not just myself but extended people in my community, 16 17 which is now Ocean City, I make it a priority. 18 I do remember the first time I had seen wind turbines out west and how I was, kind of, amazed 19 20 that they were out there and they -- they were hopefully pulling in some energy and they looked like 21 22 phenomenal engineering phenomena. 23 But I saw what it also did to the 24 landscape there, and I'm not so concerned about the 25 shore landscape as I am about all the other reasons



Page 54 that just makes no sense to me. 1 2 The numbers don't make sense. The cost 3 for this, for what we would actually get, is astronomical. 4 5 So the numbers and the economics do not 6 make sense. 7 I appeal to the history of the turbines, and they don't have a long history in the 8 9 ocean, but the places that we are now seeing are 10 having more difficulty with efficiency rates. Efficiency is only about 40 to 45 percent. 11 12 Problems, again, with the economics and the -- definitely with the environmental aspect. 13 Someone early had talked about the 14 15 EMFs. 16 It was also brought up that the 17 temperature in each of the lines will increase the temperatures in the ocean and continuing on that, 18 affecting the temperature in the air. 19 20 Isn't that why we are starting to look at green options to plateau our energy and climate 21 22 situation? 23 This -- the wind turbines will not affect that. 24 25 I'm going to go to plea on an emotional



Page 55 side, I'd like to quote Teddy Roosevelt. 1 His 2 thinking on saving our national parks. Would we 3 apply the same to our national seashores here? Не did what he could to keep those beautiful places, 4 scenic areas, intact for future generations. 5 And I would never want to be the one 6 7 that would be responsible for putting the number of 8 turbines that are planned out there, which in effect 9 could destroy your sea life, your life below the sea 10 and life above the sea will definitely be affected. I also have some information here on 11 12 the potent greenhouse gases that have been emitted in 13 platforms in Scotland Angus coastline in the northern 14 MR. FIELD: Roseanne, it's been three 15 minutes, so if you could wrap up if you could. 16 17 MS. SEROWATKA: Okay. 18 Combinations of the greenhouse or type of gas, SF6, which has been banned in Europe and 19 20 probably should be banned anywhere, and they're using it and it's leaking. 21 22 There also have been studies on the 23 wake turbulences --24 MR. FIELD: Roseanne, Roseanne, we've given folks three minutes each, so you're beyond 25



Page 56 time. 1 2 So thank you so much, really appreciate 3 that comment. And again, the DEP will also take 4 5 written comments by -- as of December 30th. 6 Thank you. 7 I want to -- I think I saw another hand 8 up. 9 Edward, I think you had your hand up 10 again. MR. VIENCKOWSKI: Yes, thank you. 11 12 I was reminded of something hearing 13 some of those comments. Another comment that I wanted to make 14 15 earlier was -- and a concern that we have for those of us -- concern -- it's Save Barnegat Bay, and 16 17 anybody who treasures the bay as much as I do was --18 related to the depth that the cables will be laid as they cross the bay. 19 We were told that there -- that it 20 seemed pretty fairly shallow to us below the bay 21 22 floor, and we were told the reason for that was that 23 they needed to be that shallow to be able to disperse the heat from those cables. 24 25 And that just is a red flag for us



Page 57 that, you know, that just means if you need to 1 disperse that kind of heat, that means you're going 2 3 to be dispersing heat to Barnegat Bay, which is, you know, a lot of similarities to what happened at 4 5 Oyster Creek that destroyed so much aquatic life. 6 So it's just -- we would like to better 7 understand the adverse impact that the depth that those cables will be laid will have. 8 That's all I have for now. 9 10 Thank you. 11 MR. FIELD: Thank you, Edward. 12 Anybody else tonight who would like to make a final comment before we wrap up? 13 And I'll come back to the process 14 questions raised in just a second. 15 So, any other final comments tonight? 16 17 (Brief Pause.) 18 MR. FIELD: So if I would turn to DEP, I quess I have two questions; one, in terms of, I 19 20 think -- I think what I heard, Jennifer, you say is the public comment and response to those comments and 21 22 response to the summary would be posted along with 23 the final decision on the permits by DEP. 24 Is that correct? 25 MS. MORIARTY: Yes.



Page 58 So what the division will do is collect 1 2 all the comments that are submitted in writing. We'll have these recordings and transcripts. 3 We will look very closely at those, 4 5 take a look at all the application materials, and then we will prepare a document in response to those 6 7 comments that will briefly summarize the comment and 8 then provide our written response at the time of 9 permit decision. 10 Those comments are not available at -the full versions of comments are not available on 11 12 our website, but of course you can submit the OPRA request and we can easily compile those and send the 13 full volume to you if that's what you would like. 14 15 MR. FIELD: Great, thank you. 16 And there was one other question, which 17 is -- it came up at the last few sessions, which is I think there -- you know, DEP may be issuing a number 18 of permit or permit reviews of this -- these 19 20 particular project or projects, and so for permits that aren't covered under the hearings, you know, 21 22 this session, are there other hearings or processes 23 so the public has a chance to weigh in on other 24 permits? MS. MORIARTY: I don't want to speak to 25



Page 59 other programs' processes here, primarily because I 1 2 might just get it wrong. I want to make sure I'm 3 giving the correct information. Typically, there is a public process 4 5 associated with any approvals that we're issuing, so 6 if there are other approvals required you should be 7 able to check -- I don't know, Janet and Lindsay, if that information would be on our offshore wind web 8 9 page. 10 DEP has an offshore wind web page that has a lot of information on it there so that you 11 12 could track what those other approvals are and keep your eyes out for notifications there as well for any 13 other public hearings or public comment periods. 14 MR. FIELD: Great, Jennifer. 15 16 Thank you. Appreciate that. 17 Okay. So I want to give one more -one last chance for any additional comments and then 18 we'll just -- again, I think what I'll do, Cam, can 19 20 you put up the last slide which just has the information about the written verbal comment and the 21 22 website location and all those things, just so people 23 can see that? 24 Okay, great. 25 So I just want to make sure as we close



Page 60 tonight that, again, any written comments would be 1 2 due 15 days after the December 15th public hearing, 3 which you all know is in person, and that's, I believe, this Thursday, but within -- by 4 5 December 30th you can submit any detailed written comments here. 6 If you made comments verbally tonight 7 8 they are part of the record, so you don't have to 9 submit the same comment unless you want to, but 10 certainly if you want to elaborate or provide more 11 detail, those comments are welcome in the means 12 described just here as well. 13 Great. All right. Well, I think with that, Jennifer, why 14 15 don't I turn it to you to bring this hearing to a close tonight. 16 MS. MORIARTY: So you know what, 17 Patrick, is there a way for us to take, like, a 18 five-minute break by any chance, just in case there 19 are folks who are kind of waiting to log on? 20 MR. FIELD: We can certainly do that, 21 22 just in case people are going to come in late because 23 it is a work day and people may be coming after work. So why don't we just do this. 24 25 Why don't we -- it's 6 -- I have 6:05



Page 61 on my clock right now, so why don't we do this. 1 2 Why don't we just take a ten-minute break just in case. We'll stay on, everybody else 3 can stay on or leave, whatever you want to do, and 4 5 then at 6:15 I'll kind of come back on, I'll check in, see if anybody new has joined. 6 7 We'll look for the waiting room and provide one last time for comment before we close. 8 9 Jennifer, does that work okay? 10 MS. MORIARTY: I think that would be good. 11 12 Thank you. 13 MR. FIELD: So everybody, if you want to stay on until 6:15 to listen, have at it. 14 If you don't and you made your 15 comments, they're counted. 16 17 Thank you for joining. 18 And we'll return after break at 6:15 to check in. 19 20 Thank you so much. 21 (Whereupon, a brief recess is held.) 22 MR. FIELD: Folks who may be entering 23 the hearing just now, we took all the public comments with those folks that joined. 24 25 What we're doing is taking a break



Page 62 right now and then we'll restart at 6:15 in case 1 2 there are additional folks who join and want to make 3 a public comment. So we'll return at 6:15. 4 5 (Whereupon, a brief recess is held.) 6 MR. FIELD: For folks who just joined us, we're taking a break until 6:15. 7 And then for those who joined later and 8 9 want to make a comment, we're going to call on you at 10 6:15 when we start up again, and David will go first. (Whereupon, a brief recess is held.) 11 12 MR. FIELD: So I'm just going to get 13 everybody up to speed here. We had a presentation as we started at 14 five today, I'll go through kind of just the 15 procedures here for those new folks who joined. 16 17 We received a number of public comments that were taken and provided on the permits and the 18 project, and so we want to provide that opportunity 19 20 to those who joined later to also comment as well. 21 So just a few rules of the road 22 regarding that. If you do want to comment, please raise hand and I'll call you in order. 23 As you start, if you could state your 24 name and affiliation, it would be helpful. 25



Page 63 We provide a period of up to three 1 2 minutes. So Cam will have on his screen a little 3 timer, so, kind of, look at that so you know when you need to kind of wrap up after three minutes to give 4 5 everyone an equal opportunity to speak. After that, obviously, people comment 6 7 on the project at hand. If they could, you know, comment in the range of views, no problem. 8 9 Just do it in a civil manner. We ask 10 that you don't comment on other comments, please. 11 And then, as noted today, New Jersey 12 DEP is listening to this hearing. So they won't be responding to the substance of the comments, but are 13 taking notes, listening. They will also be looking 14 15 at the written comments submitted by the end of the month, as well as comments provided verbally in these 16 17 virtual hearings and the one later this week, and they will provide both, you know, summary of the 18 written comments and responses to the summary of 19 20 comments, as well as, you know, the final decision upon the permits. So that will be happening as well. 21 22 So with that, we're going to turn on 23 the recording again. If we could, Cam, if we could -- right. 24 We also have the transcriber who is capturing that as 25



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    over to David Pringle to comment.
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    record?
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                  MR. PRINGLE: Thank you.
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                  MR. FIELD: Yes, sounds good.
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                  MR. PRINGLE: Terrific.
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                  Thank you.
                   I am David Pringle. I am representing
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    Clean Water Action.
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    I'll adjust my headset so you see my full face.
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    before, very familiar with the project, and we are
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Page 65 very much in favor of Orsted moving forward with this 1 2 project with -- as an environmental group, with all 3 deliberate speed. Obviously, today's hearing is specific 4 5 on a variety of land use permits around where they're going to be bringing the power onto land. 6 7 I think it's critical to note that the 8 main areas they're bringing the power onto land are 9 existing massive infrastructure for energy purposes; 10 two extremely controversial projects that Clean Water Action takes strong pride in them being shut down 11 12 because they were dirty power plants, and it's 13 entirely appropriate for them to be repurposed for clean energy. It's incredibly poetic and we're very 14 excited about it. 15 If -- we all know there is a climate 16 17 catastrophe happening. We're living in the middle of it. Irene, Sandy, Ida, all of our favorite names, 18 carry horrible connotations in terms of death and 19 20 destruction. Folks losing lives, losing money, land, 21 massive trauma. 22 You know, if we don't get our act 23 together, it's going to be a moot point in 50 years 24 because Long Beach Island is going to be under water. Newark Airport is going to be under water. 25



Page 66 And what's not under water, we're going 1 2 to be having daily flooding. 3 And the same actions that we need to take for climate change drastically reducing 4 5 environmental justice, because the vast majority of dirty power that these wind turbines will be 6 7 replacing are in overburdened communities that are literally killing people every day. 8 9 That all said, you know, we are not 10 advocating that DEP or Orsted, you know, go forward willy-nilly. Rules need to be followed, conditions 11 12 need to be applied. 13 So whether it be white whales or flood hazard, you know, we are advocates for stronger flood 14 hazard rules than have even been proposed. 15 But we must move forward. We have no 16 17 time to waste. 18 Just 15 years ago we thought we had 43 years left, 80 percent by 2050, but now the 19 science is saying we have eight years left, 20 50 percent by 2030. 21 22 So we have to move forward much faster 23 than we have been to date. We cannot go slow. 24 Governor Codey had a task force in 2005 25 to study.



Page 67 Anybody remember that? That task force 1 I think it sat on the shelf and still is 2 report? sitting there 18 years later. Hasn't really been 3 used. 4 5 Governor Christie signed a great bill Then he sat on it for seven to eight years, 6 in 2010. 7 never implemented it. So, you know, we have been waiting and 8 9 going slow for too long. We have to move fast. You 10 drive down the Parkway, you can see the windmills ten miles away. I have family living --11 12 MR. FIELD: David, your time is up. 13 MR. PRINGLE: I'm just wrapping up. 14 I have family that has a beach house in 15 Weekapaug, Rhode Island. The turbines of Block Island are the 16 17 same distance as these would be. 18 You can't see them. When you do see them, they look beautiful on the horizon. 19 20 MR. FIELD: Your time is up, David. 21 MR. PRINGLE: Folks that are concerned about the view need to be much more concerned about 22 23 climate change. 24 Move forward with all deliberate speed. 25 Thank you.



Page 68 MR. FIELD: Thank you, David. 1 And we're sorry, we had our timer, we 2 3 lost it for a minute but it's back, so sorry to have to interrupt you. 4 5 So thank you, David, for your comments. 6 Appreciate it. 7 Are there other folks who joined the call at our 6:15 or so break who would like to make a 8 9 comment? Just please raise your hand. 10 The raise-hand function is in the reactions part of the comment bar of the bottom of 11 12 Zoom there. 13 So other folks who joined us around, like, shortly after 6 who would like to make a 14 comment who have not made a comment already. 15 16 Anyone else? 17 (Brief Pause.) 18 MR. FIELD: Okay. So, Jennifer, I want to kind of turn to 19 20 you about, you know, how you would like to proceed. I think we did have probably three or four folks join 21 22 the waitlist. We've offered a chance for comment. 23 24 Appreciated David's comments. 25 Jennifer, do you want to stay on for a



Page 69 bit? Would you like to close the hearing? 1 2 Really up to you. 3 MS. MORIARTY: I think we should just give it another five minutes and if there's nobody 4 5 else who joins, nobody else who wants to comment, then we can close. 6 7 MR. FIELD: Okay, great. So, again, we'll -- all of you are 8 9 welcome to stay or go as you see fit. 10 What we'll do is, again, I have about 6:21 now, so what I'll do is again, I'll just, kind 11 12 of, look for hand raises as well as anybody joining late and circle back in about five minutes. 13 14 Thank you, Jennifer. 15 (Whereupon, a brief recess is held.) 16 MR. FIELD: Okay. 17 Roseanne, thanks for waiting. 18 So let's reopen. 19 If we could, Cam, make sure the 20 recording is on. I think we've got the timer up and 21 working now, so Roseanne, you know the drill, so back 22 over to you. 23 MS. SEROWATKA: Okay. Glad to have the 24 opportunity to speak again. 25 I know we were just listening to



Page 70 someone talking about climate change. 1 2 My background is in science education, 3 specifically science curriculum in PA and New Jersey, so I'm aware of what is being taught and pushed 4 through the curriculums and also into many of the 5 adults in the arena. 6 7 But we need -- these are climate 8 alarmists. So people who are under that assumption 9 that the world is going to end in ten years, of 10 course, they are really concerned, but whether or not that is truth or not is what -- where we have to --11 12 what has to be addressed. 13 And I, for one, do not believe this. I also wanted to see if there was 14 someone who could address these facts, which of 15 course do affect our environment, is that through the 16 17 access to the turbines, it said that there are going to be 15 85-gallons of transformer oil used, 18 146 gallons general oil, diesel fuel, continuing on 19 20 the greenhouse gases. Could someone address the truth to how 21 22 much fossil fuel is used within the access to the 23 turbines? 24 This would include also installation, 25 vessel trips out to take care of installation.



Page 71 I'd also like someone to address the 1 2 takes or kills of 102 whales, 6,016 dolphins, many 3 birds and wildlife. Could someone address those issues 4 5 while we are all on this meeting tonight. 6 MR. FIELD: Roseanne, thank you so 7 much, appreciate it. And, you know, in our list of issues 8 9 that I raised earlier in the meeting, I think 10 Roseanne has added some additional ones as well. And as noted, DEP is not commenting 11 12 tonight, but will prepare a responsiveness summary for the comments made tonight and other hearings and 13 in writing when they close the process for reviewing 14 and making a decision on the permits. 15 Anybody else tonight who would like to 16 17 make a comment? 18 And again, we provide people, you know, two chances to comment if we have time, which we do. 19 20 And I encourage commenters not to get into a back and forth about disagreement, but simply 21 22 to state your viewpoint issues and your data or 23 evidence. 24 David, over to you. 25 MR. PRINGLE: (Inaudible technical



Page 72 difficulties.) 1 2 MR. FIELD: David, your audio is, like, 3 reverberating a little bit or something, so maybe you want to try --4 5 MR. PRINGLE: Is that better? MR. FIELD: No, we can -- go ahead and 6 7 say it. It's a little bit hard to hear you, I think we understand. 8 9 So qo ahead. 10 MR. PRINGLE: Let me turn off my video. (Inaudible technical difficulties.) 11 12 MR. FIELD: David, David, David, I'm sorry, I can't -- yeah, I did hear you about it would 13 produce, I think, clean jobs, I heard you say. 14 15 There was another point about, sort of, climate change and risks at large, I don't think we 16 17 fully got that. 18 So apologize that the audio is not quite right. 19 So we caught what we could, but if you 20 want to provide more clarity, certainly encourage you 21 22 to put it in writing if you could by December 30th. 23 Sorry about the sound quality tonight. 24 Okay. Anybody else who hasn't spoken? Oh, Elizabeth Erickson, over to you. 25



Page 73 MS. ERICKSON: Thank you. 1 2 I just have one question that I would 3 appreciate having the response to. I have sat in on a number of these 4 sessions and a lot of people have made, in my 5 opinion, some very important points and comments. 6 7 And my question is, how are these being 8 incorporated into the decision process? 9 Do we truly have a voice that is heard 10 and that is something that can be impacting the decisions, or is this simply just a forum for us to 11 12 express things and the decision makers moving forward with the decisions that they intend to make? 13 14 Thank you. 15 Thanks, Elizabeth. MR. FIELD: 16 And there's been some additional 17 comments and, kind of, concerns about the process overall, as you have just raised as well. 18 19 Any other -- anyone else who has not commented who wishes to make a final comment before 20 21 we close tonight? 22 (Brief Pause.) 23 MR. FIELD: Okay. So, Jennifer, I think at this point, 24 it's about 6:31, I will turn it back to you. 25



Page 74 MS. MORIARTY: Okay. 1 2 And I guess, just to briefly, because 3 it is process-related, I do just want to reiterate that, yes, we do consider all of these comments and 4 5 incorporate them into our decision-making. 6 All public comments are carefully reviewed and we do utilize it to help us in our 7 determination. 8 9 So I guess, yeah, with that, it doesn't 10 seem like there's anybody else who wants to comment at this time. 11 12 So we appreciate everybody taking the time to be here tonight and provide comments. 13 The information that was presented 14 15 tonight will be reviewed and considered by the Department prior to us rendering a decision on this 16 17 permit application. 18 The opportunity to provide written comments, again, will remain open till December 30th, 19 That's 15 days from the date of our last 20 2022. scheduling public hearing, which is on December 15th. 21 22 Should you think of anything additional, comments or concerns, after the close of 23 24 this hearing, you may submit your comments electronically through the Departments offshore wind 25



Page 75 web page or in writing by Friday, December 30th, addressed to Janet Stewart, Bureau Chief of the NJ DEP's Division of Land Resource Protection, Bureau of Coastal Permitting. Again, thank you all for attending. This hearing is now closed. MR. FIELD: Thank you all for attending. We really appreciate the thoughtful comments. Be safe, goodnight. Thank you, all. MS. MORIARTY: Thank you. (Whereupon, the hearing concluded. Time noted: 6:35 p.m.) 



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