



# Town of Brookhaven Long Island

Edward P. Romaine, Supervisor

March 10, 2014

Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo  
Governor of New York State  
New York State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

Re: Offshore Wind for Long Island

Dear Governor Cuomo:

I am supportive of Deepwater Wind's efforts to construct an offshore wind energy project that would serve Long Island.

Offshore wind is important for Long Island as a source of cost-effective clean energy. As an abundant domestic energy resource, offshore wind can be a big part of the energy portfolio for Long Island's future. NYSERDA recently estimated that offshore wind could power approximately 1 million Long Island homes by 2025. And, unlike energy generated by fossil fuels, the cost of energy from offshore wind is 100% predictable. This is especially important here on Long Island, where we need greater rate stability and certainty to attract new businesses.

Offshore wind is also important for Long Island as a source of job-creating economic development. Over 58,000 people are currently employed in the global offshore wind industry, with growth projected to reach 191,000 by 2020. The U.S. Department of Energy estimates that our Atlantic coast could support as many as 70,000 jobs by 2030. Given our location, Long Island is ideally positioned to serve as a hub for the U.S. offshore wind industry, which would be a much-needed boost for our economy.

Over the past two decades, 11 European countries have collectively installed over 2,000 offshore wind turbines. Today, nearly 1% of the entire E.U.'s electricity comes from offshore wind. Europe's experience demonstrates that offshore wind is proven technology that is ready for prime time. To capture its benefits, we need to take a first step.

Deepwater Wind's proposal could be part of that first step. As the only offshore wind development near Long Island to have completed the necessary federal leasing process, Deepwater Wind's project has the unique ability to be in service many years before other projects, ensuring that Long Island will be at the forefront of the U.S. offshore wind industry.

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Unlike previous offshore wind proposals, Deepwater Wind's project will be 30 miles offshore – so far that it can't be seen with the naked eye. This is important because a recent poll found that 85% of Long Islanders support far-offshore wind farms.

Most importantly, by committing to use the abandoned Shoreham Nuclear Power Plant for project logistics and assembly, Deepwater Wind's proposal will create hundreds of Long Island-based jobs in the near term and will also establish the infrastructure and skilled labor force necessary to give Long Island a long-term competitive advantage in the offshore wind industry.

I look forward to working with your administration to bring about a better energy future and to grow our economy by realizing the potential of offshore wind with Deepwater Wind's proposal.

Sincerely,



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Supervisor, Town of Brookhaven

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