October 29, 2014

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

Re: Offshore Wind Power for Long Island

Dear Governor Cuomo:

We write in demonstration of our strong support for offshore wind power generation for Long Island and to urge your continued support.

Offshore wind power perfectly complements PSEG's Utility 2.0 Long Range Plan’s goal of deeper penetration into clean, renewable energy production and is a necessary component of any future thinking state-wide energy plan.

Prevalent wind conditions found offshore Long Island present a tremendous opportunity to generate clean, renewable energy at the capacity needed to meet NY State’s renewable and energy efficiency goals, including reaching the 50% carbon emission reduction by 2030 and the 80% reduction by 2050.

Additionally, offshore wind power is a job producing global industry with over 70 projects across 10 countries and 2,000 turbines spinning off the coast of Europe. Worldwide, offshore wind is supporting over 58,000 long-term quality jobs across a variety of sectors with growth projected to reach 191,000 by 2020.

New York is on the threshold of creating a significant market opportunity for offshore wind power through LIPA’s 280 MW renewable energy request for proposals. Making the commitment to move forward with a significant offshore wind project this year will not only help New York further its state-wide carbon reduction and renewable energy goals but will create hundreds of Long-Island based jobs in the short term and positions Long Island to serve as a major regional hub for the U.S. offshore wind industry in the long term.

A commitment to advance offshore wind with the Deepwater ONE project will enable our region to establish the infrastructure, supply chain, port revitalization and quality labor force necessary to give Long Island and New York the long-term competitive edge in an emerging offshore wind industry.

We urge the Administration to take the following steps to bring clean, job-creating offshore wind power online in New York:

1. Advancing offshore wind power by supporting the timely approval of the Deepwater ONE proposal currently under consideration by LIPA, no later than December 2014;

2. Establish and ensure at least a 10 year policy certainty for offshore wind power by incorporating incentives and policy objectives to scale up offshore wind in New York into the many administrative
proceedings underway including the final New York Energy Plan, the Clean Energy Fund, PSEG-LI Utility 2.0, the Green Bank, Reforming the Energy Vision (REV) process, and in New York’s compliance with EPA’s Clean Power Plan.

We look forward to working with your administration to bring about a better energy future by realizing the great potential of offshore wind power on Long Island.

Sincerely,

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