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VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Honorable Michelle L. Phillips  
Secretary to the Commission  
New York State Public Service Commission  
Three Empire State Plaza Albany, New York 12223-1350  
Re: Case 18-E-0071 Comments on NYSERDA's Petition Regarding Offshore Wind Procurement

Dear Secretary Phillips:

The Long Island Commercial Fishing Association respectfully submits the following comments concerning the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority's ("NYSERDA") petition regarding offshore wind procurement submitted to the New York Public Service Commission ("PSC") on January 28, 2020. NYSERDA's petition seeks authorization to issue a solicitation in 2020 for the procurement of at least 1,000 megawatts (MW) of offshore wind.

As a member of NYSERDA's Fisheries Technical Working Group (F-TWG) representing Long Island's commercial fishermen, we are hereby requesting an extension of the deadline to submit comments so that all fishing community members of NYSERDA's F-TWG may individually, and as a group, be able to comment on NYSERDA's petition proposal.

Though an email was sent on January 30<sup>th</sup> notifying the F-TWG members of NYSERDA's petition, no email chain, meeting or webinar was conducted by NYSERDA to discuss the proposal specifically, and as such, none of the fisheries stakeholders from multiple states who fish in the Atlantic from the Mid-Atlantic New York Bight area off of New Jersey to the Southern New England/South of Massachusetts waters have had the opportunity to address or comment as a group on this issue.

NYSERDA's E-TWG members, by comparison, held a special meeting in February 2020 whose agenda was to specifically address this procurement request [New York Environmental Technical Working Group \(E-TWG\) Feb 10, 2020 meeting](#).

It is LICFA's belief that NYSERDA's F-TWG members deserve the same consideration. Especially in light of the F-TWG's defined mission as per the NYSERDA F-TWG webpage [here](#), which is to ***“provide guidance to help steer New York State's efforts to advance offshore wind energy development in an environmentally responsible way. New York State has established the goal of 2,400 MW of installed offshore wind energy capacity by 2030. The F-TWG is intended to assist in the development of this offshore wind energy in a way that protects the state's and region's valuable fisheries and fishing communities.”***

The commercial fishing industry is the primary stakeholder that will be negatively affected by future offshore wind procurements, should they be placed on productive, traditional and historic fishing grounds. We believe the F-TWG deserves the same courtesy that was specifically given to another NYSERDA technical working group, and respectfully request the commission extend the deadline for NYSERDA's petition comments until the F-TWG has the opportunity do so.

Sincerely,

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