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August 12, 2022

Ms. Amanda Lefton, Director  
Office of Renewable Energy  
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management  
45600 Woodland Road, VAM-OREP  
Sterling, Virginia 20166

Re: Ocean Wind 1 DEIS

Dear Director Lefton:

Please accept this letter as a formal statement of support for the Ocean Wind 1 project and reinforcement of necessary safety measures. For your information, the Maritime Exchange for the Delaware River and Bay, the Pilots' Association for the Bay & River Delaware, and the Mariners' Advisory Committee for the Bay & River Delaware represent the port business community and mariners operating throughout the Delaware River and Bay complex. Our foremost concerns are navigational safety and the economic and environmental health of the waterway.

The Delaware River maritime industry is well informed of the potential benefits associated with offshore wind. As you know, Ørsted and Ocean Wind 1 have made significant investments in the region, including investments at New Jersey's first offshore wind manufacturing facility at Paulsboro Marine Terminal and a commitment to utilizing the New Jersey Wind Port, the first purpose-built port for offshore wind in the U.S. As referenced in the DEIS, Ocean Wind 1 will also generate between \$40 million in state and local taxes during construction and \$1.2 million during operation.

While we and the other Delaware River maritime stakeholders are enthusiastic about the economic opportunities the project is bringing, safety must remain an equally important priority for Ocean Wind 1—and all wind projects off our shores. Maintaining separation of at least two miles between turbines and sea lanes/fairways will allow Ørsted and other developers to function effectively while simultaneously taking all reasonable safety measures.

Thank you for BOEM's effort to move this industry and project forward and for the opportunity to express our views.

Sincerely,

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President  
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