

## **DEFEND BRIGANTINE BEACH, INC AND DOWNBEACH GROUP OBJECTS TO ATLANTIC SHORES RE-BID OPPORTUNITY**

As part of its Fourth Solicitation for offshore wind projects to be awarded later this year, the NJ Board of Public Utilities (BPU) is proposing to allow the Atlantic Shores project off Atlantic City, Brigantine and LBI to re-bid its current contract. This will raise electric prices and subsidies by billions. The foreign owners - Shell Oil and EDF Renewables - won't proceed under the existing contract because they can't make enough money to meet their investment targets. This is a desperate attempt by the BPU to save this project which otherwise won't get built.

We have previously called for a pause in this project until economic and environmental questions are answered. Not only is the BPU failing to seek answers to those questions, but the Board is now doubling down in an attempt to rescue this project for its foreign owners on the backs of NJ ratepayers.

We are objecting to this unprecedented do over as it violates their own procedures and applicable NJ law. Studies show the economic harm and visual impact of this already expensive and potentially damaging project off our beaches.

We have commented to BPU expressing our opposition to giving Atlantic Shores the opportunity to re-bid its contract. Although the public comments period is officially closed, you may still go on the record by posting your comments on BPU Docket QO24020109 at

[https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us/CaseSummary.aspx?case\\_id=2112697](https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us/CaseSummary.aspx?case_id=2112697)

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