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Ken Salazar  
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Dear Mr. Salazar:

A recent article by the Associated Press made clear your strong desire for the creation of "renewable energy zones", particularly to utilize the wind resources in the Atlantic Ocean. We would like to commend you on your conviction to move aggressively to develop plans to support offshore wind energy.

The Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) and Consolidated Edison, Inc. (Con Edison) may be in a unique position to develop such an offshore wind farm project. In fact, some of the ground work has already been laid.

In September, 2008, under the direction of Governor David A. Paterson, LIPA and Con Edison formed an interdisciplinary working group to study the potential for an offshore wind farm project that would be situated at least ten miles off the Rockaway Peninsula in the Atlantic Ocean. This project, which emanated as a recommendation from Governor Paterson's Renewable Energy Task Force, could provide significant market development benefits to the wind industry, create clean-tech jobs, and help diversify the state's electric transmission system. The proposed "LIPA/Con Edison Offshore Wind Farm" would likely be designed for 350 MW of generation, with the ability to expand it to 700 MW, giving it the potential to be the largest offshore wind proposal in the country.

At this point in time, the joint study has evaluated the necessary electric transmission system requirements that would be required to obtain wind power in increments of 350 MW, an amount that is equivalent to a moderate fossil fuel-powered generating facility. This initial phase of the project focused only on the necessary electric transmission required for the onshore portion of the project. The infrastructure and costs for the anticipated offshore wind and transmission to landfall will soon be evaluated.

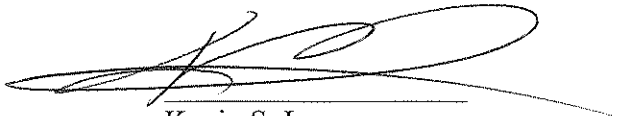
As the working group moves forward with the second phase of the study, LIPA and Con Edison will work with the state, the New York Power Authority, New York City, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and the Port Authority to issue a request for expressions of interest (RFEI) for offshore wind development. LIPA and Con Edison have also filed an application to interconnect the offshore wind project with the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) for up to 1400 MW by 2020, which could permit a future expansion beyond the 700 MW.

Additionally, LIPA and Con Edison will be working with New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) to install Meteorological Towers as required to assess wind strength and other necessary parameters for the proposed project. Both companies will create a joint Web site to keep the wind industry, communities and stakeholders informed of the project's progress.

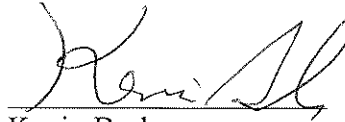
The expansion of renewable electricity production will help to decrease the nation's dependence on foreign oil and reduce emissions from fossil fuel burning power plants in turn reducing the effects of global warming.

In order to move forward with a wind farm project of this scale, a defined and expedited permitting process needs to be put in place at the federal level. We thank you for your support in that effort which should allow LIPA and Con Edison to advance our plans for this exciting project.

Sincerely,

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Kevin S. Law  
President and CEO

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