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Dear Sustainable Jersey:

Gabel Associates, an Energy Agent and Energy Consultant duly registered with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, administered the electric power supply procurement process for ACES, the Association for Competitive Energy Services. A Request for Bids (RFB) was issued on May 22, 2020 and bids were accepted for contracts awarded for electric power suppliers in June 2020, for service beginning in August 2020 through August 2022.

Gabel Associates hereby certifies that the RFB specifications included a section entitled 'Voluntary Enhanced Renewable Energy Product.' Specifically, the specifications provided individual ACES members with the option, during a 30-day post-bid period, to "opt-in" to an enhanced product that consists of 16.5% greater renewable energy content than the total amount of renewable energy (Class I, Class II and solar combined) required by virtue of the New Jersey Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) in any given RPS compliance year (otherwise referred to as Energy Year of "EY). Under the ACES contract, the 16.5% above and beyond the RPS requirements must be comprised of New Jersey RPS-compliant Class I renewable energy; that is Class I renewable energy generated within or delivered into the PJM region, consistent with N.J.A.C. 14:8-2.7 (otherwise referred to as "PJM Class I Recs').

Gabel Associates hereby further certifies that the RFB specifications also required the winning supplier(s) to demonstrate that such additional procured Class I RECs are permanently retired and not used again, consistent with N.J.A.C. 14:8-2.8(b), via a report providing : 1) the total annual load (Mwh) of those Participant accounts being served by Supplier; 2) the total number of class I RECs retired for the purpose of compliance with the ACES enhanced renewable energy product as specified in the RFB; 3) an accounting issued by PJM-EIS that shows the number of RECs purchased and/or held by the supplier/provider for compliance with the ACES enhanced renewable energy product; and; 4) an affidavit from the supplier that the specified megawatt-hours were delivered into the PJM region and complied with PJM Interconnection energy delivery rules; and for each Class I REC submitted, certification that the REC has not been used to satisfy another state's renewable energy requirements.

The Long Branch BOE is a member of ACES whose facilities were included in the RFB, who opted-in to the ACES Voluntary Enhanced Renewable Energy Product as described above, and whose electric accounts are currently being provided power supply with enhanced renewable energy content by EDF Energy Services, LLC under the ACES contract awarded in June 2020. This statement of certification is being provided in support of the Long Branch Board of Education's application to Sustainable Jersey for the *Buy Electricity From A Renewable Source* action under the Sustainable Jersey certification category *Innovation and Demonstration Projects*.

If additional information is required, please contact Carol Friedman, Energy Aggregation Administrator of Gabel Associates, at 732.296.0770.

Sincerely,

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