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East Bay Energy Consortium
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Re: *Request for Proposal for the Evaluation of the Feasibility of Erecting a Regional Wind Energy System within the East Bay of Rhode Island*
ESS Proposal No. 13828

Dear Ms. Williamson:

ESS Group, Inc. (ESS) is pleased to submit our response to the Request for Proposal for the Evaluation of the Feasibility of Erecting a Regional Wind Energy System within the East Bay of Rhode Island (RFP). As a top-qualified renewable energy and environmental consulting firm based in East Providence, Rhode Island, we believe that we are uniquely qualified to assist the East Bay Energy Consortium (EBEC) on this ambitious endeavor. ESS possesses the experience of having been involved in feasibility assessments, siting, and licensing of over 1100 MW of wind project capacity.

As an East Bay company, ESS can offer the EBEC a consulting team with the combination of local knowledge and depth of experience it is looking for. ESS has assembled an outstanding team of professionals for this project who have worked together collaboratively and effectively on the technical, environmental, economic, siting, and permitting issues associated with wind energy facilities throughout Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Vermont. ESS has joined with La Capra Associates, a premiere player in the field of utility economics, market planning, forecasting and strategic analysis, and Dennis Esposito, Esq., one of the most reputable environmental attorneys in Rhode Island.

Our team has prepared a proposal that is comprehensive, cost effective, and responsive to the EBEC RFP. Within it you will find an approach that represents our breadth of technical, economic, and policy expertise and in-depth, professional and practical experience with the critical issues attendant to the development of wind energy resources in the East Bay. We believe the proposed scope can meet the EBEC's target schedule and lay the necessary groundwork for an informed "Go" or "No Go" decision, and advancement to Task 2, if the findings support such a step.

ESS appreciates the opportunity to present the enclosed proposal to you. Please visit the ESS website at www.essgroup.com or the La Capra Associates web site at www.lacapra.com should you need further information. Please contact me at (401) 330-1206 should you have any questions regarding ESS's response to the RFP.

Sincerely,

ESS GROUP, INC.



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