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NextEra Energy Transmission MidAtlantic and WindGrid announce agreement to work together in support of New Jersey offshore wind transmission proposal

JUNO BEACH (USA) – BRUSSELS (BE) – BERLIN (GE) | NextEra Energy Transmission MidAtlantic (NEETMA - a subsidiary of NextEra Energy Transmission LCC) and WindGrid (a subsidiary of Elia Group), today announced that they have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to lay the foundation to work together to develop and construct offshore wind transmission infrastructure for New Jersey if selected by the Board of Public Utilities (BPU).

*“WindGrid and its parent Elia Group are leaders in the engineering, construction and operation of offshore electric transmission projects and we’re pleased to be collaborating with them on our New Jersey proposals, said **Matt Valle, president, NextEra Energy Transmission.** “We believe we are well-positioned to help New Jersey achieve its clean energy goals and we look forward to working with all stakeholders on making this important project a success.”*

NEETMA has submitted a number of proposals, collectively called the NJ Seawind Connector, to the BPU to support the transmission needed to achieve the State’s offshore wind goals. The NJ Seawind Connector offers New Jersey multiple solutions that would collectively deliver to the State the greatest offshore wind power with the least impact to the environment and local communities.

WindGrid builds on Elia Group’s unique offshore experience in both the North and Baltic Seas in Europe. To date, Elia Group has connected 13 wind farms to onshore grids and is currently operating three subsea cable interconnections. Elia Group is also working on new innovative projects such as hybrid interconnectors and energy islands. The company is at the forefront of innovative approaches in offshore grid design and is well-positioned for playing a leading role in the shaping of future offshore grid projects.

“We believe our offshore wind transmission experience will provide valuable insights and provide meaningful benefits if the NEETMA project is selected by the BPU. Thanks to our industry-leading position in offshore electric transmission, we have access to and relationships

with an extensive network of technical equipment suppliers with whom we collaborate to ensure we are integrating the latest technical innovations into each of our projects. Working with NEETMA, we expect to make a meaningful contribution to accelerating the energy transition in New Jersey,” said **Markus Laukamp, CEO of WindGrid.**

NextEra Energy Transmission

NextEra Energy Transmission develops, finances, constructs, and maintains transmission assets across the continent. NextEra Energy Transmission operates through its regional subsidiaries to integrate renewable energy and strengthen the electric grid. The company's subsidiaries were among the first non-incumbents to be awarded projects by system operators and utility commissions in California, New York, Texas, and Ontario. NextEra Energy Transmission's portfolio includes operating assets in 10 states, six regional transmission organizations and one Canadian province, with numerous projects under development and construction. To learn more, visit www.NextEraEnergyTransmission.com.

Elia Group

Elia Group is a European key player in electricity transmission. Through our subsidiaries in Belgium (Elia) and the north and east of Germany (50Hertz), we operate 19,192 km of high-voltage connections at land and sea, meaning that we are one of Europe's top 5 transmission system operators. In addition to our activities as a system operator, we provide various consulting services (via Elia Grid International) and want to be a reliable partner (via WindGrid) for governments that want to proactively build offshore grid infrastructure and renewable energy developers that are looking for solutions which will allow them to securely connect and integrate their offshore energy projects into the onshore grid. www.eliagroup.eu