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**Re: IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF OCEAN WIND LLC PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 48:3-87.1(f) FOR A DETERMINATION THAT CERTAIN EASEMENTS AND CONSENTS NEEDED FOR CERTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS IN, AND WITH RESPECT TO, THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY ARE REASONABLY NECESSARY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR OPERATION OF THE OCEAN WIND 1 QUALIFIED OFFSHORE WIND PROJECT
BPU Dkt. No. QO22050347**

To: All parties on the Attached Service List

Enclosed for service is a copy of the Notice of Public Hearings in the above-captioned matter.

This letter and the enclosure are being sent to the parties electronically, consistent with the Board of Public Utilities' Order dated March 19, 2020 (Docket No. EO20030254) directing that all submissions to the Board, of any kind, be submitted electronically.

Very truly yours,

COZEN O'CONNOR



By: Gregory Eisenstark, Esq.

Enclosure

c: Attached service list

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NOTICE¹

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Docket No. QO22050347

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., and N.J.S.A. 48:3-87.1(f)(2), the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“NJBPU” or “Board”) hereby gives notice and invites all interested parties and members of the public to participate in a Public Hearing. The meeting will take place in two sessions to provide opportunity for increased public participation.

PUBLIC HEARING SESSION #1

DATE: Thursday, September 29, 2022
START TIME: 9:00 A.M.
LOCATION: Zoom Virtual Webinar: <https://bit.ly/NJBPU-SEP-29-AM> (note: if typing, all UPPERCASE)
If you would like to speak during Session #1, you must register via this form: <https://bit.ly/NJBPU-SEP-29-AM-SPEAK>.
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PUBLIC HEARING SESSION #2

DATE: Thursday, September 29, 2022
START TIME: 5:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Zoom Virtual Webinar: <https://bit.ly/NJBPU-SEP-29-PM> (note: if typing, all UPPERCASE)
If you would like to speak during Session #2, you must register via this form: <https://bit.ly/NJBPU-SEP-29-PM-SPEAK>.
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Please note that both sessions of this meeting will be conducted via Zoom. If you would like to speak during the public hearing, you must register for a session before attending via one of the registration links provided above. We encourage stakeholders to check the webinar system requirements ahead of the meeting.

On May 20, 2022, Ocean Wind, LLC (“Ocean Wind”), filed a Verified Petition with the Board under BPU Docket No. QO22050347, together with supporting testimony and exhibits. The Verified Petition seeks the Board’s determination that certain easements upon, across and under property owned by the County of Cape May (“Cape May County”), and consents needed from Cape May County for certain environmental permits in, and with respect to Cape May County, are reasonably necessary for the construction or operation of the Ocean Wind 1 Qualified Offshore Wind Project (“Project”).

The easements and related consents sought in the Verified Petition concern a segment of the onshore cable route that is proposed to be constructed in Cape May County. The onshore cable route will help transmit power from Ocean Wind’s 1,100 MW offshore wind farm to load centers in the state.

A copy of this Notice of Public Hearing on the Verified Petition is being served upon the Clerk and governing body of the County of Cape May, the Clerk and Administrator of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Cape May, the Cape May County Clerk, the Department of Law & Public Safety, New Jersey Division of Law, the Director of the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel, and the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. This Notice is also being provided to the local news media. A copy of the Verified Petition, supporting documents and supplemental materials will be made available on the Board’s website at: BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES (state.nj.us).

The Board has the statutory authority pursuant N.J.S.A. 48:3-87.1(f) to determine whether the requested easements and consents are reasonably necessary for the construction or operation of the Project, and if such a determination is made, the Board shall issue an order approving the acquisition of the requested easements and related approvals. The Board intends to review and consider input from the public in making their determination.

Representatives from Ocean Wind will be asked to present an overview of the project at both sessions. Board Staff and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel will participate in both sessions. Members of the public are invited to virtually attend and present their views on this matter by registering through the above links.

Comments

In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, such as interpreters, or listening assistance, 5 days prior to the above hearings to the Board Secretary at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

The Board will also accept written and/or electronic comments. While all comments will be given equal consideration and will be made part of the final record of this proceeding, the preferred method of transmittal is via the Board’s Public Document Search tool. Search for the docket number listed above, and post by utilizing the “Post Comments” button. Emailed comments may also be filed with the Acting Secretary of the Board, in pdf or Word format, to board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

Written comments may be submitted to the Acting Board Secretary, Carmen Diaz, at the Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350. All emailed or mailed comments should include the name of the Petition and the docket number.

The deadline for comments on this matter is 5:00 P.M. ET on October 12, 2022.

All comments are considered “public documents” for purposes of the State’s Open Public Records Act. Commenters may identify information that they seek to keep confidential by submitting them in accordance with the confidentiality procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3.

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