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NOTICE¹

IN THE MATTER OF THE OPENING OF NEW JERSEY'S THIRD SOLICITATION FOR OFFSHORE WIND RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATES (OREC)

[Docket No. QO22080481](#)

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("BPU" or "Board") hereby gives notice of a virtual stakeholder meeting to discuss the draft solicitation guidance document ("SGD") for its third offshore wind solicitation ("Third Solicitation"). The draft SGD can be found [here](#).

On August 19, 2010, the Offshore Wind Economic Development Act ("OWEDA") was signed into New Jersey law.² OWEDA directed the Board to establish a program for Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates ("ORECs") to support at least 1,100 megawatts ("MW") of offshore wind ("OSW") generation capacity from qualified OSW projects.³

Within his first of month of taking office, on January 31, 2018, Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive Order No. 8 ("EO 8"), which directed the Board to fully implement OWEDA and begin the process of moving the State toward a goal of 3,500 MW of OSW by 2030.⁴ To achieve these goals, EO 8 also directed the Board to develop and implement a strategic plan to examine the critical components of OSW development.

On November 19, 2019, Governor Phil Murphy more than doubled the State's OSW goal when he signed Executive Order No. 92 ("EO 92").⁵ EO 92 directed the Board to take "all necessary actions to implement OWEDA in order to promote and realize the development of wind energy off the coast of New Jersey to meet a goal of 7,500 megawatts of offshore wind energy generation by the year 2035."

With the clear directives from the State Legislature and the Governor, and after having adopted rules creating the OREC, on September 17, 2018 the Board issued its first OREC solicitation ("First

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² See N.J.S.A. 48:3-87 et seq.

³ OWEDA defines an OREC as representing the environmental attributes of one MWh of electric generation from an OSW project. For each megawatt hour ("MWh") delivered to the transmission grid, an OSW project will be credited with one OREC.

⁴ See EO 8. In 2018, the Legislature also directed the Board to establish an OREC program to support "at least 3,500 MW" of OSW generation by 2035. See OWEDA, supra note 3.

⁵ EO 92.

Solicitation”). This First Solicitation sought a target of 1,100 MW of OSW capacity. By Board Order dated June 21, 2019,⁶ the Board awarded ORECs for 1,100 MW of OSW capacity to the Ocean Wind I project.

On September 9, 2020, the Board issued its second OREC solicitation (“Second Solicitation”). The Second Solicitation sought a desired capacity target of 1,200 MW to 2,400 MW.⁷ By two Board Orders, each dated June 30, 2021, the Board awarded two projects, 1,510 MW to Atlantic Shores 1 and 1,148 MW to Ocean Wind II.⁸

On September 21, 2022, Governor Murphy issued Executive Order No. 307 (“EO 307”) which expanded the State’s OSW goal to 11,000 MW by 2040.

To position the State to reach Governor Murphy’s OSW goals, the Board formally requested inclusion of its OSW public policy into PJM Interconnection LLC’s (“PJM”) regional transmission expansion analysis through the State Agreement Approach (“SAA”). In October 2022, the Board approved a series of transmission projects under the SAA that provides a coordinated transmission solution for 6,400 MW of OSW generation.⁹

The stakeholder meeting for the Third Solicitation will be held at the following date and time, and in the following manner:

⁶ In the Matter of the Board of Public Utilities Offshore Wind Solicitation for 1,100 MW—Evaluation of the Offshore Wind Applications, BPU Docket No. QO18121289, Order dated June 21, 2019 (“June 21, 2019 Order”).

⁷ In the Matter of the Opening of Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificate (OREC) Application Window for 1,200 to 2,400 Megawatts of Offshore Wind Capacity in Furtherance of Executive Order No. 8 and Executive Order No. 92, BPU Docket No. QO20080555, Order dated September 9, 2020.

⁸ In the Matter of the Board of Public Utilities Offshore Wind Solicitation 2 for 1,200 to 2,400 MW – Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind Project 1, LLC, BPU Docket No. QO21050824, Order dated June 30, 2021 (“Atlantic Shores 1 June 2021 Order”); In the Matter of the Board of Public Utilities Offshore Wind Solicitation 2 for 1,200 to 2,400 MW – Ocean Wind II, LLC, BPU Docket No. QO21050825, Order dated June 30, 2021 (“Ocean Wind II June 2021 Order”).

⁹ In The Matter Of Declaring Transmission To Support Offshore Wind A Public Policy Of The State Of New Jersey, BPU Docket No. QO20100630, Order dated October 26, 2022.

Meeting Date and Start Time	Agenda	Location – Virtual Link or Call-in Information to Join the Stakeholder Meeting
<p>Dec 13, 2022</p> <p>1:00 p.m. EST</p>	<p>Draft SGD for the Third Solicitation</p>	<p>Zoom Virtual Webinar:</p> <p>https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hY5kADeZR3mXGS-8C2Y63A</p> <p><i>After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.</i></p> <p>(<u>Note</u>: If you are typing the URL, please use all UPPERCASE for all capitalized letters.)</p> <p>The meeting will consist of a brief presentation by BPU staff recapping the State’s OSW goals and activities to date, as well as some brief background on the requirements of OWEDA and EO 8, EO 92 and EO 307, and the SAA. A brief presentation of the content of the draft SGD will follow. The floor will then be opened for comments by stakeholders and members of the general public.</p>

Please note that this meeting will be conducted virtually. You must register for the meeting before attending at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled date. Stakeholders and members of the public are invited to participate by utilizing the link or dial-in information set forth above and may express their views. In order to encourage full participation, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, such as interpreters and/or listening assistance, 48 hours prior to the above hearings to the Board Secretary at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

If you want to reserve a speaking opportunity, please designate this during the online registration process. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting and information about checking your system requirements in advance of the meeting. Stakeholders and members of the public should check their access devices in advance of the meeting to ensure that they will properly connect.

Questions on this stakeholder process may be directed to Andrea Hart at andrea.hart@bpu.nj.gov.

Comments

The Board is also accepting written and/or electric comments.

All public comments should be filed under [Docket No. QO22080481](#). **The deadline for public comments is 5:00 p.m. EST on ~~*Thursday, December 29, 2022~~ ****Friday, January 13, 2023.****

Please submit comments directly to the specific docket listed above using the “Post Comments” button on the Board’s [Public Document Search](#) tool. Comments are considered public documents for purposes of the State’s Open Public Records Act. Only public documents should be submitted using the “Post Comments” button on the Board’s [Public Document Search](#) tool. Any confidential information should be submitted in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3. Confidential information may also be submitted via email to the Acting Secretary of the Board.

Written comments may also be submitted to:

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