

GE Renewable Energy—Offshore Wind response to the New Jersey Offshore Wind Solicitation #3: Draft Solicitation Guidance Document

Application Submission for Proposed Offshore Wind Facilities

Subject: Draft Solicitation Guidance Document Comments

Submitted to **New Jersey Board of Public Utilities**

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About GE Renewable Energy

GE Renewable Energy is a mature 15-billion-dollar company which combines one of the broadest portfolios in the renewable energy industry. Combining onshore and offshore wind, blades through LM Wind, hydro, storage, utility-scale solar, grid solutions, hybrids, and digital services; GE Renewable Energy has installed more than 400+ gigawatts of clean renewable energy and equipped more than 90 percent of utilities worldwide with its grid solutions. With nearly 40,000 employees present in more than 80 countries and it's 125 years of engineering expertise, GE Renewable Energy creates end to end solutions and value for our customers seeking to power the world with affordable, reliable, and sustainable green energy.

Overview

We at GE Renewable Energy Offshore Wind appreciate the opportunity to provide comments to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities on the Solicitation Guidance Document published for comment on November 30th, 2022. GE Renewable Energy is looking forward to supporting prospective applicants in 2023 with proposals for wind turbine supply, and GE Renewable Energy will be looking to contribute to the Economic Development Plan of those applicants. Herein, you will find our key comments to the draft Solicitation Guidance Document. Our team continues to look at the materials provided and should we have any follow ups will reach out accordingly. Should any of the feedback not be clear we would be happy to further discuss or answer questions.

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Ref: 2.1 Timeline for Submission and Evaluation

- When establishing the final timeline for submission and evaluation, we ask that New Jersey consider the NYSERDA Award Notification Date for New York State's 2022 Offshore Wind Solicitation (ORECRFP22-1). The award date is currently listed as *Est. Q1 2023*.
- It is likely that many prospective applicants into the New Jersey Offshore Wind Solicitation #3 will have proposed projects into New York State's solicitation and will need to understand the status of New York's award prior to preparing an application for New Jersey.
- Similarly, wind turbine OEMs (GE Renewable Energy) will need to be aware of New York State's award decision before being able to provide prospective applicants with commitments on wind turbine supply, make decisions about in-state manufacturing, and determine projected in-state economic benefits for New Jersey.
- We suggest a minimum ten (10) week period between the New York State award date and the Application Submission Deadline.

Ref: 3.8 Economic Development Plan

• It would be beneficial to understand how New Jersey would quantify the benefits of instate manufacturing, particularly for wind turbine components. New Jersey should provide clear guidance on scenarios where raw materials or subcomponents are sourced from outside of New Jersey and assembled at a manufacturing facility in the state, versus in-state sourcing of materials and subcomponents.