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New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
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Re: Jersey Central Power & Light Company's First Quarterly Report in *The Matter of Declaring Transmission to Support Offshore Wind a Public Policy of the State of New Jersey*

Docket No. QO20100630

Dear Acting Secretary Diaz:

On October 26, 2022, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("BPU" or "Board") staff ("Staff") issued an order entitled "In The Matter of Declaring Transmission to Support Offshore Wind A Public Policy of the State of New Jersey" ("OSW Order") that selected Mid-Atlantic Offshore Development, LLC's and Jersey Central Power & Light Company's ("JCP&L" or the "Company") jointly submitted Larrabee Tri-Collector Solution for New Jersey's offshore wind coordinated transmission solution under PJM, Interconnection, LLC's ("PJM") State Agreement Approach ("SAA").¹

The OSW Order set forth certain quarterly reporting obligations. Specifically, Appendix B (6) requires: "The SAA Developer shall provide regular, quarterly status reports in writing to the Board. The reports shall contain, but not be limited to, updates and information regarding: (a) current permitting and land acquisition status of the project; (b) current engineering and construction status of the project; (c) project completion percentage, including milestone completion; (d) current target project and phase completion date(s); and (e) cost expenditures to date, including any associated overhead and fringe benefits related costs and revised projected cost estimates for completion of the project." In addition, the OSW Order provides that these quarterly reports shall include, but are not limited to, "updates on construction activities, community engagement, all PJM and FERC filings and updates, schedule updates and notification of delays."² In compliance with these requirements, JCP&L herein submits its first quarterly report.

¹ The JCP&L Components of the Larrabee Tri-Collector Solution are hereafter referred to as the "Project".

² OSW Order at p. 71.

Current Permitting and Land Acquisition Status of the Project:

The Company has completed an environmental survey between East Windsor Substation and Smithburg Substation to map the 30 feet of right of way disturbance area required for tree clearing within the entire JCP&L-owned right of way. This is to identify anticipated mitigation requirements for New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”) permitting. The Company is now determining what environmental and construction permits are required, including required start dates and perceived durations, and plans to schedule a pre-application meeting with the NJDEP to review the project.

Relatedly, the Company has been working through options to satisfy the anticipated mitigation requirements related to tree clearing within specific Watershed Management Areas (“WMA”) along the Company’s existing right of way. To address the required tree clearing within its right of way, the Company has identified potential properties to purchase as an option to convert into a mitigation bank. With respect to satisfying the tree clearing mitigation requirements that traverse three different WMAs by the Company-owned right of way, the Company could potentially be required to purchase separate properties. The Company will address these mitigation measures with the NJDEP in the pre-application meeting.

Finally, the Company is in the process of conducting, and will continue to conduct, environmental field surveys to further define the exact locations of regulated areas and work to minimize the disturbance in these areas.

Current Engineering and Construction Status of the Project:

The Company has completed a scope review of all phases of the project and is in the process of finalizing detailed engineering milestones that comport with the required in-service dates.

Project Completion Percentage, Including Milestone Completion:

The Project is currently in the engineering and permitting phase. While milestones were agreed to with PJM on January 13, 2023, no milestones have been actualized as complete.

Current Target Project and Phase Completion Date(s):

The target Project and phase completion dates for New Required RTEP Projects were agreed to with PJM on January 13, 2023 and were provided to the Board for review and comment on January 6, 2023.

Cost Expenditures to Date, Including Any Associated Overhead and Fringe Benefits Related Costs and Revised Projected Cost Estimates for Completion of the Project:

The Company has spent \$0.903 million as of December 31, 2022.

Updates on Construction Activities:

Construction activities have not commenced as of the date of this report.

Community Engagement:

The Company is working to build out the labor plan for the project and continues to timely respond to requests for information from local government and individuals regarding the Project.

PJM and FERC Filings and Updates:

On December 14, 2022, PJM provided the Company with Notification of Designation of Construction Responsibility that reflected JCP&L as the designated entity selected for certain components of Larrabee Tri-Collector Solution. Per the letter, the Company was required to provide notice of its acceptance of such designation and submit to the Office of the Interconnection a detailed development schedule. This acceptance and schedule was submitted to PJM on January 13, 2023, after having previously been shared with the Board Secretary and the Deputy Director of the Division of Clean Energy for review and comment.³

Schedule Updates and Notification of Delays

As of the date of this report, the Project is on schedule and there are no delays or schedule updates to provide.

Very truly yours,



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³ See OSW Order at Appendix B (2), which requires the Company to provide the Board with a draft of certain filings prior to filing them with PJM.