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Sherri L. Golden, Secretary
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
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Re: *In The Matter of Declaring Transmission to Support Offshore Wind A Public Policy of the State of New Jersey*; Jersey Central Power & Light Company's Quarterly Report for Close of First Quarter 2023

Docket No. QO20100630

Dear Secretary Golden:

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 This quarterly report is submitted in accordance with the reporting outlined within that order.²

Permitting Status

As noted in the previous quarterly report, 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 continuing to determine what environmental

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

² Pursuant to verbal direction from Board Staff, this report is being submitted on May 1, 2023, and will cover the first quarter of calendar year 2023. Pending any further direction from Board Staff, the Company will provide its quarterly status reports approximately 30 days following close of each calendar quarter moving forward.

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 continues to work 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. The tree clearing mitigation requirements traverse three different WMAs along the Company-owned right of way. The Company will address these mitigation measures with the NJDEP in the pre-application meeting.

Engineering and Construction Status

As noted in the prior report, the Company has completed a scope review of all phases of the project and continues the process of finalizing detailed engineering milestones that comport with the required in-service dates. Engineering was assigned for all Substation related activities on March 15, 2023. Transmission overhead engineering was assigned on March 28, 2023

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 provided to the Board Staff for review and comment on January 6, 2023, then subsequently agreed to with PJM on January 13, 2023.

Cost Expenditures³

The Company has spent \$1.3 million as of March 30, 2023.

Updates on Construction Activities

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

Community Engagement

JCP&L continues to build out the labor plan and respond to requests for information from local government and individuals regarding the Project. As of the last report, the Company was in the process of considering development of a brand for the overall program as it relates to the transmission infrastructure JCP&L will construct to integrate the anticipated offshore generation. Going forward, the Company will refer to the JCP&L awarded portion of the SAA as “New Jersey Clean Energy Corridor”.

³ Includes associated overhead and fringe benefits related costs and revised projected cost estimates for completion of the project.

PJM and FERC Filings and Updates

As previously reported, 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. On January 13, 2023, JCP&L provided notice of its acceptance and proposed schedule to PJM.

On March 20, 2023, the Company and PJM agreed to a proposed 30-day extension to complete the NJSAA Designated Entity Agreement (“DEA”) negotiation and execution process. On April 21, 2023, the Company and PJM agreed to an additional 30-day extension. The revised target execution date for the DEA is now June 3, 2023. The additional time is to allow for the ongoing discussions concerning language currently within Schedule “E” of the SAA and stakeholder Transmission Operators.

On April 17, 2023, the Company filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that, if approved, would provide the Company with cost recovery if the company had to cancel its proposed project for reasons outside of its control.

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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