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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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IN THE MATTER OF THE OPENING OF NEW) ORDER EXTENDING THIRD
JERSEY’S THIRD SOLICITATION FOR) SOLICITATION DEADLINES
OFFSHORE WIND RENEWABLE ENERGY)
CERTIFICATES (OREC)) DOCKET NO. QO22080481

Parties of Record:

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BY THE BOARD:¹

By this Order, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board” or “BPU”) considers the extension of the application submission deadline to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on August 4, 2023 for all qualified² bidders (“Applicants”) to submit applications to the Board for consideration in the third offshore wind solicitation (“Third Solicitation”).

BACKGROUND

In accordance with the Offshore Wind Economic Development Act (“OWEDA” or “Act”), Governor Murphy’s Executive Order No. 8 (“EO 8”), Executive Order No. 92 (“EO 92”) and Executive Order No. 307 (“EO 307”), on March 6, 2023, the Board opened the application window for the Third Solicitation for offshore wind projects in lease areas designated by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management in federal waters on the outer continental shelf off the coast of New Jersey.³ The Board also approved the use of the Solicitation Guidance Document (“SGD”) to inform Applicants of the Third Solicitation process and the application requirements consistent with the rules at N.J.A.C. 14:8-6-1 et seq. Although non-binding, all prospective applicants were required to submit a notice of intent to respond (“NOI”) by May 23, 2023.⁴ As approved in the March 2023 Order, the Third Solicitation application submission deadline was June 23, 2023.

¹ Commissioners Guhl-Sadovy and Abdou abstained from voting on this matter.

² All prospective applicants were required to submit a notice of intent to respond (“NOI”) by May 23, 2023. SGD at 9. NOIs were received from five (5) prospective applicants.

³ In re the Opening of New Jersey’s Third Solicitation for Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (OREC), BPU Docket No. QO22080481, Order dated March 6, 2023 (“March 2023 Order”).

⁴ SGD at 9.

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

In order to allow applicants more time to develop their applications, the Board **HEREBY EXTENDS** the application submission deadline to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on August 4, 2023. N.J.S.A. 48:2-40. The SGD also set forth a Third Solicitation timeline.⁵ With the extension of the application submission deadline, the Board **HEREBY AMMENDS** the Third Solicitation timeline as follows:

Event	Date
Board Consideration of Solicitation	March 6, 2023
Solicitation Issued	March 6, 2023
Bidders' Conference for all prospective Applicants	March 24, 2023, 9:30 am-12:30 pm EDT
Deadline for prospective Applicants to Submit Questions	May 12, 2023, 5:00 pm EDT
Notice of Intent to Respond Submitted	May 23, 2023, 5:00 pm EDT
Application Submission Deadline	August 4, 2023, 5:00 pm EDT
Application Deposit Deadline ⁶	August 11, 2023, 3:00 pm EDT
Administrative Completeness Determination Deadline	September 4, 2023
Applicant Notification Deadline to Board Staff on Contingent Projects ⁷	September 11, 2023 ⁸
Issuance of Clarifying Questions ⁹	Q3, 2023-Q4, 2024
Board Decision of Submitted Applications	January/February, 2024
Post-Application Meeting (if requested by Applicant)	February/March, 2024

The extended dates set forth herein replace any corresponding dates set forth in the SGD or in the March 2023 Order. All other dates and deadlines remain the same.

⁵ SGD at 8, Table 3.

⁶ See the SGD at 10.

⁷ Contingent Projects, as defined in the SGD, are proposed projects that are contingent on the outcome of other states' offshore wind solicitations. SGD at 7.

⁸ In the event that Board Staff learns that a Contingent Project has been selected for negotiation of a contract by NYSERDA or Rhode Island Energy, Board Staff, in its sole discretion, may terminate consideration of a Contingent Project no later than September 11, 2023, absent notification from the Applicant.

⁹ Board Staff expects to ask questions of applicants regarding administratively complete applications throughout the evaluation period, or Clarifying Questions. See SGD at 11.


The effective date of this Order is June 14, 2023.

DATED: June 7, 2023


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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within
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IN THE MATTER OF THE OPENING OF NEW JERSEY'S THIRD SOLICITATION FOR OFFSHORE WIND
RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATES (OREC)

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