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NOTICE¹

New Jersey Offshore Wind Strategic Plan

Docket No. QW18030284

Staff Stakeholder Notice

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“NJBP” or “Board”) hereby gives notice of a rescheduled public meeting to discuss the draft New Jersey Offshore Wind Strategic Plan.

The meeting will consist of a brief presentation by NJBP Staff recapping the State of New Jersey offshore wind (“OSW”) goals and activities to date, as well as some brief background on the requirements of the Offshore Wind Economic Development Act (“OWEDA”) and Executive Orders No. 8 (“EO8”) and No. 92 (“EO92”). A brief presentation of the content of the draft OSW Strategic Plan (“OSWSP”) will follow. The floor will then be opened for comments by members of the public.

The rescheduled public meeting, which was originally scheduled for July 20, will now be held at the following date, time, and manner:

Date: August 3, 2020

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EDT

Held Via Webinar

Please note that in the interest of public health and safety, this meeting will be conducted via webinar. You must register for the meeting before attending. Please register for the Offshore Wind Strategic Plan Stakeholder Meeting on or before **August 3, 2020** via the following registration link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8995147915621801998>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar and information about checking your system requirements in advance of the meeting. Stakeholders should check their systems in advance of the meeting to ensure that they will have access.

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Background

On January 31, 2018, Governor Phil Murphy signed EO8 setting a goal of 3,500 megawatts (“MW”) of OSW by 2030, and calling upon NJBPU to fully implement OWEDA and initiate an Offshore Wind Strategic Planning Process.

By Board Order dated February 28, 2018, the Board directed NJBPU Staff to take specific actions to implement EO8, including to develop an OSWSP in collaboration with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and other New Jersey state agencies with responsibilities arising under OWEDA. On September 5, 2018 a purchase order was issued to Ramboll US Corporation (“Ramboll”) to develop the OSWSP. Work on the OSWSP commenced in September 2018.

On November 19, 2019, Governor Murphy signed EO92, increasing the state’s OSW goal to 7,500 MW by 2035. As a result of the change in OSW goals, NJBPU Staff directed Ramboll to revise the OSWSP to reflect the new 7,500 MW goal.

Next Steps

Staff hereby announces this August 3, 2020 public meeting, which will be held by webinar. Members of the public are invited to participate and present their views. The draft OSWSP is [available here](#). The draft OSWSP technical appendices are [available here](#).

In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations for disabled citizens to the Office of the Secretary of the Board at Board.Secretary@bpu.nj.gov or (609) 777-3300 at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Members of the public may file written comments on the draft OSWSP regardless of whether they participate in the public meeting. Written comments may be submitted electronically to Osw.Stakeholder@bpu.nj.gov with a copy to Board.Secretary@bpu.nj.gov in PDF or Word format. Please include a subject line of “OSWSP Comments.” **All comments must be received on or before 5:00 p.m. EDT on August 17, 2020**, which is extended from the original comment deadline of July 27. Please note that these comments may be considered “public documents” for purposes of the State’s Open Public Records Act. Stakeholders may identify information that they wish to keep confidential by submitting them in accordance with the confidentiality procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3.



Aida Camacho-Welch
Secretary of the Board

Dated: July 15, 2020