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NOTICE¹

New Jersey Offshore Wind Transmission

Docket No. QO20060463

Information Gathering

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“NJBPU” or “Board”) is interested in gathering information on the various approaches for future offshore wind transmission. Specifically, in order to collect as much useful information as possible for an evaluation of radial export cable and ocean grid options, NJBPU Staff is seeking information regarding design, cost, and operational data. Staff is also requesting opinions regarding the relative advantages and disadvantages of the radial export cable and ocean grid options.

Background:

The Clean Energy Act of 2018 (“Act”), L. 2018, c. 17, Offshore Wind Economic Development Act (“OWEDA”), N.J.S.A. 48:3-87(d)(4) and N.J.S.A. 48:3-87.1 to -87.2, and Executive Orders 8, 26 and 92 require NJBPU to implement certain green energy initiatives to achieve 100% clean energy by 2050. To achieve these goals, NJBPU has established an Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificate (“OREC”) to incent the creation of new offshore wind facilities. In June 2019, the Board approved an 1,100 megawatt (“MW”) offshore wind generation project, the first of several expected qualified offshore wind projects eligible to receive ORECs. This first project will connect to the New Jersey transmission system by a radial export cable(s), developed and owned by the project owner(s).

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Transmission, of any kind, requires tremendous long-term planning and coordination. In preparation for future offshore wind solicitations, NJBPU Staff and its consultant, Levitan & Associates, Inc. (“Levitan”), are taking this step in continuing to evaluate the potential options. The Board has not yet made any determinations. In this Notice, NJBPU Staff is seeking comment

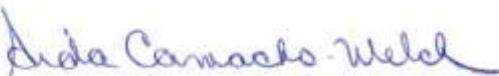
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from interested offshore wind community members on offshore wind transmission solutions that may further the State's offshore wind goals in a cost-effective manner for New Jersey ratepayers.

A video conference meeting will be scheduled for at least one hour with each individual interested party, or group of interested parties, as determined by NJBPU Staff and Levitan. Specific questions or issues to be explored will be provided to interested parties in advance of the scheduled meeting. Interested parties will also be given the opportunity to submit written comments within approximately two weeks following the meeting.

To facilitate robust discussion and information sharing with NJBPU Staff and Levitan, Staff has prepared a Non-Disclosure Agreement available to participating interested parties should they choose to provide confidential information. Staff stresses that any confidential information provided in this process will solely be used to better understand the offshore wind transmission options during these initial developmental stages.

Anyone interested in participating in this information gathering should indicate their interest by email to osw.stakeholder@bpu.nj.gov by July 2, 2020. Include in the email the name, affiliation, title, email address and telephone number of the interested party.



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