SUPPLEMENTAL TECHNICAL CONFERENCE AGENDA
The meeting will be held on
Friday, February 26, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.
Register for the webinar:
https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7257627078287817742

9:30 – 9:35 a.m.

OPENING REMARKS: Abe Silverman, General Counsel, NJBPU

9:35 – 10:20 a.m.

PRESENTATIONS:

Transmission Study Report
Richard Levitan, Levitan & Associates

November 18 Order
Joe DeLosa, Bureau Chief of Federal and Regional Policy, NJBPU

10:20 – 11:50 a.m.

PANEL ONE: Pre-Commercial Operation Delays, Mismatch of Construction Schedules

Moderator: Jim Ferris, Bureau Chief of New Technology, NJBPU

Panelists:
1. Christian Bjøl, MidAtlantic Project Development Director, Ørsted
2. Doug Copeland, Development Manager, Atlantic Shores
3. Theodore Paradise, Senior Vice President, Transmission Strategy and Counsel, Anbaric
4. Sharon Segner, Vice President, LS Power
5. Lauren Thomas, Senior Director, Transformation and Centralized Services, PSE&G

Panelists will discuss the various sources for potential pre-commercial operation delays under a separated transmission and generation approach, and the additional risks created by these potential delays. Panelists should contrast this risk profile with potential for delays under existing (i.e., radial) interconnections, including network upgrades constructed by TOs, and any changes anticipated in this risk profile as New Jersey progresses to meeting its offshore wind targets. In New Jersey’s SAA framework – where potential transmission projects will be submitted through the RTEP competitive process – Panelists should explore the realistic extent of potential requests for cost-commitment and delivery dates, and the impacts of these binding commercial commitments on the risk profile of offshore wind generation and transmission developers. In addition, Panelists should discuss innovative risk minimizing and/or risk sharing commercial mechanisms to insulate ratepayers from risk of mismatched construction schedules.

11:50 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.
Question & Answer Session for Panel One

12:05 – 12:30 p.m.

BREAK

12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

PANEL TWO: Curtailment Risk

Moderator: Dr. Kira Lawrence, Eagleton Science Fellow, NJBPU

Panelists:
1. Timothy Frost, Vice President, Electric Transmission, Con Edison
2. Michael Kormos, Senior Vice President, Transmission and Compliance, Exelon
3. Howard Kosel, Partner, Anbaric
4. Lorenz Müller, Head of Regulatory Affairs, 50Hertz Transmission GmbH

Panelists will discuss the risk of curtailment on offshore wind generation developers. Panelists should address whether this curtailment risk is anticipated to increase as New Jersey progresses to meeting its offshore wind targets under the existing (i.e., radial) interconnection framework. Panelists should address the extent to which coordinated transmission planning has the potential to minimize curtailment risk of offshore wind generators. Relatedly, Staff seeks input on methods used to evaluate beneficial improvements in curtailment risk through the evaluation of coordinated transmission solutions.

2:00 – 2:15 p.m.

Question & Answer Session for Panel Two

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

PANEL THREE: Post-Commercial Operational Risk

Moderator: Andrea Hart, Counsel’s Office, NJBPU

Panelists:
1. James Cotter, Vice President, Wind Development, Shell New Energies US
2. Elisabeth Treseder, New England Market Lead, Equinor Wind US
3. Øyvind Vessia, Head of Regulatory Affairs, Ørsted

Panelists will discuss the risk profile of operating offshore wind generation separate from a coordinated transmission solution. Panelists should discuss the existing paradigm related to sharing operational risk of a traditional onshore power plant. The discussion should consider whether additional risk protections are required in addition to the existing market rules related to transmission outages. Panelists are encouraged to provide
innovative solutions for addressing this ongoing risk, and should especially consider methods to protect New Jersey ratepayers.

4:00 – 4:15 p.m.

Question & Answer Session for Panel Three

This Technical Conference will be recorded as a public record.

Panelists, stakeholders, and the general public are encouraged to file post-Technical Conference comments electronically through the Board’s External Access Portal upon obtaining a MyNewJersey Portal ID. Once a MyNewJersey account is established, an authorization code is required, which can be requested by emailing the NJBPU’s IT Helpdesk at BPUITHelpDesk@bpu.nj.gov. Written comments may be filed regardless of whether the commenter participated in the Technical Conference. Written comments may also be submitted electronically to Board.Secretary@bpu.nj.gov in PDF or Word format with specific reference to this docket. NJBPU will accept post-Technical Conference comments through March 12, 2021.

Please note that all comments are considered “public documents” for purposes of the State's Open Public Records Act. Commenters may identify information that they seek to keep confidential by submitting them in accordance with the confidentiality procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3.

All information on this Technical Conference will also be posted on the Board’s “Public Notices” webpage prior to the event. Questions should be addressed to Joe DeLosa at Joseph.DeLosa@bpu.nj.gov.

Notices of further action may be issued in this docket.

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Aida Camacho-Welch
Secretary of the Board

Dated: February 23, 2021