

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 92

WHEREAS, New Jersey is and must continue to be a national leader in the production of renewable energy sources; and

WHEREAS, my Administration entered office with a commitment to jumpstart the offshore wind industry in New Jersey given our State's ideal geographic location; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 8 (2018) called upon the Board of Public Utilities ("BPU"), the Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP"), and any other state agencies with responsibilities arising under the Offshore Wind Economic Development Act ("OWEDA") to take all necessary actions to implement OWEDA and meet the goal I established of 3,500 megawatts of offshore wind energy generation by the year 2030, which would be sufficient to power 1.5 million homes; and

WHEREAS, in February 2018, my Administration established the New Jersey Offshore Wind Interagency Taskforce, comprised of BPU, DEP, the Economic Development Authority ("EDA"), the Department of the Treasury, and the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, to work collaboratively to support my offshore wind agenda and establish a vibrant offshore wind market in our State and the Mid-Atlantic region; and

WHEREAS, in September 2018, the BPU issued a solicitation for 1,100 megawatts of offshore wind energy generation, which was awarded earlier this year; and

WHEREAS, in September 2018, I called on the BPU to consider two future solicitations for 1,200 megawatts of offshore wind generation to take place in 2020 and 2022 providing visibility for offshore wind developers, suppliers, and stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, in September 2018, the EDA issued a Request for Ideas to encourage industry investment by seeking information from qualified entities regarding the development of offshore wind port infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, in January 2019, the BPU adopted the Offshore Wind Energy Certificate funding rule, which establishes the process by which an offshore wind program is funded and how revenues earned from each project flow back to ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, in January 2019, the EDA opened applications for its Offshore Wind Tax Credit Program intended to attract investment into New Jersey's offshore wind industry; and

WHEREAS, in April 2019, my Administration announced the creation of a New Jersey Offshore Wind Supply Chain Registry that will enable investors exploring offshore wind-related projects in our State to find New Jersey-based companies to partner with or purchase from; and

WHEREAS, three months ago, I signed Executive Order No. 79 (2019) and established a Council for the Wind Innovation and New Development Institute, which will develop a plan for the creation of a hub for the burgeoning offshore wind industry in the Northeast region and our State; and

WHEREAS, the EDA recently launched its proposal for an Offshore Wind Technical Assistance Program to support local companies to develop the skills and competencies needed to participate in the offshore wind industry; and

WHEREAS, my Administration continues to engaged in outreach with New Jersey's fishing industry and conservation community to facilitate responsible offshore wind development that considers the needs of New Jersey's commercial and recreational fishing industries and ensures that natural resources are protected

throughout all stages of offshore wind energy development and generation; and

WHEREAS, because of these efforts, offshore wind development is a growing economic sector in the State with increases in supply chain presence, private investment in ports, workforce development efforts, and research and development for offshore wind industry and labor; and

WHEREAS, offshore wind has the potential to deliver the scale of clean, renewable energy generation needed to meet the State's goals of 50 percent renewable energy by 2030 and 100 percent clean energy by 2050, in addition to creating a significant number of good-paying jobs; and

WHEREAS, expanding the State's offshore wind energy generation goals will ensure we achieve these clean energy goals and further strengthen New Jersey's economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHILIP D. MURPHY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. Paragraph 1 of Executive Order No. 8 (2018), which established a goal of 3,500 megawatts of offshore wind energy generation by the year 2030, is hereby rescinded.

2. The BPU, the DEP, and all other New Jersey state agencies with responsibilities arising under OWEDA shall take all necessary actions to implement OWEDA in order to promote and realize the development of wind energy off the coast of New Jersey to meet a goal of 7,500 megawatts of offshore wind energy generation by the year 2035.

3. All other provisions of Executive Order No. 8 (2018) shall remain in full force and effect.

4. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
19th day of November,
Two Thousand and Nineteen,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Forty-Fourth.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Matthew J. Platkin

Chief Counsel to the Governor