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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

A Regular Board meeting of the Board of Public Utilities was held on February 17, 2021, via Teleconference: 1 646 558 8656 – Webinar ID: 926 1186 1417 or watch online @ <https://youtu.be/SNQ3bPh5Quk>.

Public notice was given pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-18 by posting notice of the meeting at the Board's Trenton Office, on the Board's website, filing notice of the meeting with the New Jersey Department of State and the following newspapers circulated in the State of New Jersey:

Asbury Park Press
Atlantic City Press
Burlington County Times
Courier Post (Camden)
Home News Tribune (New Brunswick)
North Jersey Herald and News (Passaic)
The Record (Hackensack)
The Star Ledger (Newark)
The Trenton Times

The following members of the Board of Public Utilities were present:

Joseph L. Fiordaliso, President
Mary-Anna Holden, Commissioner
Dianne Solomon, Commissioner
Upendra J. Chivukula, Commissioner
Robert M. Gordon, Commissioner

President Fiordaliso presided at the meeting and Aida Camacho-Welch, Secretary of the Board, carried out the duties of the Secretary.

It was announced that the next regular Board Meeting would be held on March 3, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. via teleconference with details to follow.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

After appropriate motion, the following matter, which involved pending litigation, attorney-client privilege, and/or contract negotiation exceptions to the Open Public Meetings Act was discussed in Executive Session.

8. CLEAN ENERGY

A. Docket No. QO20120750 – In the Matter of the Clean Energy Request for Qualifications of Offshore Wind Transmission Consulting Services for PJM State Agreement Approach Process.

Discussion: James Ferris, Bureau Chief of New Technology, presented this matter and indicated that the Evaluation Committee had recommended Brattle Group as the consultant for Offshore Wind Transmission consulting services.

On January 7, 2021, the Board authorized, and staff issued, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to retain a consultant to assist staff in working with PJM to develop a potential transmission options to support the injection of 7,500 megawatts of offshore wind into the New Jersey transmission grid through the State Agreement Approach.

Specifically, Staff was seeking to retain a consultant to assist with the following tasks:

1. Prior to the opening of the SAA proposal window, actively collaborate with Staff and assist in the preparation of required documents.
2. Assist Staff in stakeholder engagement, particularly in developing and implementing a work session on the topic of project-on-project risk planned to be held on February 26, 2021. Consultant will also be expected to provide Staff with recommendations on minimizing project-on-project risk.
3. After the close of the SAA proposal window, assist Staff in the review of all submitted proposals and provide recommendations to Staff on the most efficient or cost effective transmission solutions resulting from the process, if any.

On February 5, 2021, proposals were received from two firms in response to the RFQ. Staff reviewed and scored each proposal, and recommended that the Board approve a contract with the Brattle Group subject to receiving all required State approvals.

After appropriate motion, the Board reconvened to Open Session.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.



AIDA CAMACHO-WELCH
SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Dated: September 1, 2021