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### NOTICE<sup>1</sup>

#### [Draft New Jersey Offshore Wind Second Solicitation Guidance Document](#)

**Docket No. QO20070478**

#### **Staff Stakeholder Notice**

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“NJBPU” or “Board”) hereby gives notice of a public meeting to discuss the [Draft New Jersey Offshore Wind Second Solicitation Guidance Document](#) (“Draft Guidance Document”).

The meeting will consist of a brief presentation by NJBPU 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 A brief presentation of the content of the Draft Guidance Document will follow. The floor will then be opened for comments by members of the public.

The public meeting will be held at the following date, time, and manner:

**Date: August 5, 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 Draft Offshore Wind Strategic Plan Stakeholder Meeting on or before **August 5, 2020** via the following registration link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6630528313771649549>

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**

New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive Order No. 8 (EO8) on January 31, 2018. The purpose of EO8 was to reinvigorate the implementation of the State's Offshore Wind Economic Development Act (OWEDA or the "Act"). EO8 directed NJBPU and all agencies with responsibility under OWEDA to "take all necessary action" to fully implement the Act and begin the process of moving New Jersey toward a goal of 3,500 megawatts (MW) of offshore wind energy generation by the year 2030. EO8 also required an initial solicitation of 1,100 MW as the first step toward achieving the goal, and required the development of an Offshore Wind Strategic Plan (OSWSP).

In September 2018, NJBPU issued a solicitation for 1,100 MW of offshore wind energy generation, and in June 2019 NJBPU approved an Application for a 1,100 MW offshore wind generation project submitted by Ocean Wind.

On November 19, 2019, Governor Murphy signed Executive Order No. 92 (EO92), increasing the State's offshore wind energy generation goal to 7,500 MW by 2035. Governor Murphy found that expanding the offshore wind goal will ensure that the State can "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."

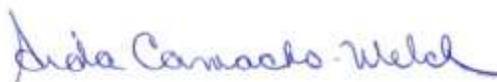
On February 28, 2020, Governor Murphy announced the offshore wind solicitation schedule to meet the 7,500 MW goal by 2035. He called on NJBPU to once again take all necessary actions to implement the schedule. In April 2020, NJBPU retained Levitan & Associates to assist in developing the Guidance Document for the State's second solicitation for approximately 1,200 to 2,400 MW.

## **Next Steps**

Staff hereby announces this August 5, 2020 public meeting, which will be held by webinar. Members of the public are invited to participate and present their views. The Draft Guidance Document is [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](mailto: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 Guidance Document regardless of whether they participate in the public meeting. Written comments may be submitted electronically to [Osw.Stakeholder@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:Osw.Stakeholder@bpu.nj.gov) with a copy to [Board.Secretary@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:Board.Secretary@bpu.nj.gov) in PDF or Word format. Please include a subject line of "Draft Guidance Document Comments." **All comments must be received on or before 5:00 p.m. EDT on August 19, 2020.** 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.



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Secretary of the Board

Dated: July 22, 2020