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## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

October 25, 2019

In the Matter of the Applications of US Wind, Inc. and Skipjack Offshore Energy, LLC for a Proposed Offshore Wind Project(s) Pursuant to the Maryland Offshore Wind Energy Act of 2013

Case No. 9431

## NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

To: The Parties of Record and Interested Persons:

On September 24, 2019 and October 1, 2019, respectively, Skipjack Offshore Energy, LLC ("Skipjack") and US Wind, Inc. ("US Wind") filed non-confidential letters<sup>1</sup> notifying the Maryland Public Service Commission to ("Commission") a change in the turbine selection size originally anticipated for use in the two Commission-approved offshore wind projects in Order No. 88192. Specifically, Skipjack notified the Commission that it now plans to use General Electric's Haliade-X 12MW wind turbines for its approved offshore wind project. In addition, US Wind notified the Commission that the Siemens SWT-4.0-130, a 4.0 MW wind turbine and other turbine units that were being evaluated in 2016 by US Wind are no longer commercially available and that US Wind is now evaluating a variety of units with higher (8, 10, and 12) megawatt ratings. US Wind also stated that it would notify the Commission of its final turbine selection decision as soon as it is made.

The Commission hereby issues a Notice of an Opportunity to Comment to parties of record and interested persons regarding the turbine size changes and potential impacts on these offshore wind projects as approved by the Commission. Written comments <u>from Parties</u> to this proceeding shall be filed by Friday, November 15, 2019. An original and 12 copies of the comments, together with an electronic copy, shall be addressed to David J. Collins, Acting Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. The Commission encourages any party to use the Commission's "e-Filing" system for submission of the electronic copy of the filing. Details of the "e-Filing" system are on the Commission's web page, <u>www.psc.state.md.us</u>.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Maillog numbers 226953 and 226999.

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Interested persons or members of the public who are not a party in Case No. 9431 may submit written comments either electronically, by first class mail, or by hand-delivery on or before Friday, November 15, 2019. Public comments sent electronically must be submitted through the Commission's Public Comment system, which can be accessed through the Commission's website at www.psc.state.md.us. Instructions for logging into the Public Comment system are located under the "Tools" section of the Commission's website under the "Make a Public Comment" tab, which can be accessed through the following link: https://www.psc.state.md.us/make-a-public-comment/. All comments must include a reference to Case No. 9431. If submitted by first-class mail or hand-delivery, public comments must be addressed to David J. Collins, Acting Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland-21202. Only the originally signed public comment is required.

By Direction of the Commission,

David J. Collins

Acting Executive Secretary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Commenters utilizing the Public Comment system are required to complete a one-time registration.