**REVISIONS TO COMAR 20.61.06- OFFSHORE WIND**

**NOTICE TO STAKEHOLDERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES**

The Technical Staff of the Maryland Public Service Commission (“Staff”) has been charged with developing, and proposing to the Maryland Public Service Commission, necessary revisions to the COMAR Regulations affecting Offshore Wind (“OSW”) approval, development and operation, to govern Round Two of OSW solicitations (as well as currently approved projects, as necessary), in compliance with the Clean Energy Jobs Act of 2019 (“CEJA”). In addition, Staff is evaluating the possibility of proposing revisions to improve the current regulations, based on the experience gained in Round One of the OSW process.

By this Notice, Staff solicits comments and input from Stakeholders and other interested parties to assist in developing comprehensive regulations. With the assistance of its consultants, Hodgson Russ LLP, Staff has drafted a series of questions to assist with obtaining stakeholder input. These questions are attached to this Notice. You should submit your comments and answers to these questions via e-mail at XXXXXXXX@maryland.gov. Please provide your response in a Microsoft WORD or Adobe PDF format. Keep in mind that while your comments or answers will not be posted for viewing by the public of other stakeholders/commenters, any responses may be subject to public records requests under the Maryland Public Information Act and therefore any information in your response you consider to be a trade secret, confidential commercial or financial information, or confidential geological or geophysical information should be clearly marked as such pursuant to the Maryland General Provisions Code Section 4-335. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please visit <https://www.psc.state.md.us/public-information-act/>.

The feedback and information you provide will be used by Staff and its consultant to assist in drafting revisions to the applicable regulations. You do not need to answer every question to submit your input, but your answers to these questions should be comprehensive in order to be most helpful to the process.

Comments should be received (i.e. e-mailed to the above address on or before October 29, 2020 to receive consideration. Thank you very much for your participation in Maryland’s OSW program.