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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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Skipjack Offshore Energy, LLC's Qualified \*  
Offshore Wind Project's Compliance with \* Case No. 9629  
Conditions Approved in 2017 \*  
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**SKIPJACK TURBINE EVIDENTIARY HEARING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

On February 13, 2020, the Maryland Public Service Commission issued Order No. 89500, in which the Commission found it appropriate to conduct an evidentiary hearing regarding impacts related to the change in turbine size selected by Skipjack Offshore Energy, LLC ("Skipjack").<sup>1</sup> The Commission directed Skipjack, upon its determination that its selection of the turbine for this project is final, to file with the Commission proposed dates for holding an evidentiary hearing to address impacts related to change in turbine size selection.<sup>2</sup>

On March 5, 2020, Skipjack confirmed that it has selected the General Electric Haliade-X 12-megawatt wind turbine for the Skipjack Offshore Wind project, and proposed a procedural schedule agreeable to the Commission's Technical Staff, the Office of People's Counsel, the Maryland Energy Administration, the Department of Natural Resources Power Plant Research Program, the Town of Ocean City, and the Business Network for Offshore Wind.<sup>3</sup>

Accordingly, the procedural schedule for a hearing in connection with Skipjack's final turbine selection is hereby scheduled as follows:

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| April 17, 2020 | All Parties File Direct Testimony   |
| May 22, 2020   | All Parties File Rebuttal Testimony |
| June 4-5, 2020 | Evidentiary Hearing <sup>4</sup>    |

<sup>1</sup> Maillog No. 228582. The evidentiary hearing is limited to potential impacts related to the change in turbine selection, and the Commission will not reconsider issues unrelated to that topic, including the issue of whether to grant offshore wind renewable energy credits ("ORECs"). *Id.* at 2.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> Maillog No. 228954.

<sup>4</sup> The Commission reserves the right to adjust the hearing schedule as necessary.

Discovery responses issued prior to the filing of Direct Testimony are due within 10 business days; objections are due in 5 business days. Discovery responses issued after the filing of Direct Testimony are due within 7 business days; objections are due within 2 business days.

By Direction of the Commission,

*/s/ Andrew S. Johnston*

Andrew S. Johnston  
Executive Secretary