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U.S. Wind, Inc.'s Qualified Offshore Wind  
Project's Compliance with Conditions  
Approved in 2017

Case No. 9628

Skipjack Offshore Energy, LLC's Qualified  
Offshore Wind Project's Compliance with  
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**NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON  
CHANGES IN TURBINE SELECTION**

On December 13, 2019, the Maryland Public Service Commission issued an Order Establishing Inquiry into Material Changes in Turbine Selection and Setting Public Hearing<sup>1</sup> in connection with the public correspondence filed by Skipjack Offshore Energy, LLC ("Skipjack") and U.S. Wind, Inc. ("U.S. Wind") (together, "Applicants") announcing changes in the turbine selection size originally anticipated for use in their respective offshore wind projects.<sup>2</sup> The Commission found that the proposed changes in turbine models and size by U.S. Wind and

<sup>1</sup> Order No. 89395.

<sup>2</sup> See Skipjack's September 24, 2019 correspondence, Mail Log No. 226953; and U.S. Wind's October 1, 2019 letter, Mail Log No. 226999.

Skipjack constituted material changes to both companies' qualified offshore wind projects under COMAR 20.61.06.18B, and announced that it would hold a hearing for public comment to aid in the Commission's limited inquiry into the potential impacts related to changes in turbine size.

Accordingly, a hearing to receive comments from the public has been scheduled as follows:

<b><u>Date and Time</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
<b>Saturday, January 18, 2020 12:00 noon</b>	<b>Roland E. Powell Convention Center <i>also known as Ocean City Convention Center</i> 4001 Coastal Highway Ocean City, MD 21842  Rooms 215, 216 and 217</b>

Written comments may also be filed with the Commission by Friday, January 31, 2020. Written comments by first class mail, or by hand-delivery, should be addressed to Andrew S. Johnston, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 Saint Paul Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. 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](http://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-publiccomment>.<sup>3</sup> All comments must include a reference to the appropriate case: for comments pertaining to U.S. Wind, "Case No. 9268"; for comments pertaining to Skipjack, "Case No. 9629"; and for comments pertaining to both projects, "Case Nos. 9628 and 9629."

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<sup>3</sup> Commenters utilizing the Public Comment system are required to complete a one-time registration.

The Commission will publish a notice of public hearing and the opportunity for public comment in a newspaper of general circulation in Worcester County prior to the hearing date. In addition, the Commission will use social media, press release(s), and its own website to notify the public of this hearing. Furthermore, the Applicants are hereby requested to utilize social media, company websites, and other means of communication at their disposal to further notify the public of the public comment hearing, as appropriate.

By Direction of the Commission,

*/s/ Andrew S. Johnston*

Andrew S. Johnston  
Executive Secretary