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## **Maryland PSC Schedules Public Hearing for Offshore Wind Projects' Turbine Sizes**

(BALTIMORE, MD-January 3, 2020) – The Maryland Public Service Commission will hold a public comment hearing as part of its limited inquiry into impacts related to changes in the turbine sizes originally anticipated for use in the offshore wind projects of US Wind, Inc. and Skipjack Offshore Energy, LLC. **The hearing will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 12 Noon at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center (Rooms 215-217), 4001 Coastal Highway in Ocean City, Maryland.**

In May 2017, the Commission authorized offshore wind renewable energy credits to US Wind for its 248 MW project and to Skipjack's 120 MW project. The Commission's decision in that case included dozens of conditions, one of which was the requirement that the developers use the best commercially-reasonable efforts to minimize the daytime and nighttime viewshed impacts of their respective projects.

In the fall of 2019, in compliance with Commission regulations, Skipjack and US Wind each notified the Commission that their project turbine sizes would significantly increase in rotor diameter, blade length, and overall height. The Commission found that these selections constituted material changes to both companies' projects and opened a limited inquiry into the potential impacts related to the turbine size variations. The public hearing is part of this inquiry.

More details can be found on the Commission's website ([www.psc.state.md.us](http://www.psc.state.md.us)) in Case No. [9628](#) (US Wind) and Case No. [9629](#) (Skipjack).

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