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## **Public Invited to Weigh in on Proposed Offshore Wind Projects** *Maryland PSC to hold two virtual hearings this month*

(BALTIMORE, MD) – The Maryland Public Service Commission will hold two virtual public comment hearings on the applications submitted by two offshore wind developers under Maryland's Clean Energy Jobs Act of 2019 (CEJA). The CEJA provisions called for an additional 1,200 MW of offshore wind generation in order to meet Maryland's clean energy goals.

**The hearings will be held on Tuesday, September 28 and Thursday, September 30, 2021, each beginning at 6pm.** Members of the public who wish to comment should send an email by noon Friday, September 24, 2021 to [susan.howard@maryland.gov](mailto:susan.howard@maryland.gov). Participants should indicate which day they would like to speak and will receive a link to the WebEx platform to join that day's hearing. The hearings will also be livestreamed on the Commission's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/MarylandPSC>

Skipjack Offshore Energy, LLC and US Wind, Inc. are proposing to develop projects off the Maryland coast. The proceeding has been docketed as Case No. [9666](#).

In determining whether to award offshore wind renewable energy credits (ORECs) to any project, the Commission will consider:

- The cost impacts to ratepayers;
- Potential changes to energy marketplace (PJM) prices including transmission congestion prices and capacity payments;
- Economic, environmental, and health benefits to Maryland; and
- Commitments to engaging local, small, and diverse businesses.

The Commission must make its decision on or before December 18, 2021. A first round of ORECs were awarded to both companies in May of 2017.

In addition to the hearings, written comments will also be accepted until November 19, 2021 by using the Commission's online public comments portal at <https://www.psc.state.md.us/make-a-public-comment/> **Comments should reference Case. No [9666](#).**

Written comment may also be sent by first-class mail to:  
Andrew Johnston, Executive Secretary  
Maryland Public Service Commission  
William Donald Schaefer Tower  
6 St. Paul Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

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