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- under the Clean Energy Jobs Act of 2019 \* \*
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**Notice of Promoting Offshore Wind Energy Resources Act Exemption Application Process**

On April 21, 2023, the Promoting Offshore Wind Energy Resources Act (POWER Act) was signed into law by Governor Moore. The POWER Act requires the Commission to establish an application process for a developer to apply for a full or partial exemption from the ratepayer cost sharing mechanism<sup>1</sup> for any Federal Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 grants, rebates, tax credits, or loan guarantees received by a Round 1 or Round 2 offshore wind project.<sup>2</sup> The Commission hereby gives notices that developers interested in applying for the POWER Act exemption shall file a letter for consideration at an Administrative Meeting. The letter shall include:

<sup>1</sup> Md. Ann. Code, Pub. Util. Art., §7-704.1(C)(8)(II)  
<sup>2</sup> PUA §7-704.1(K)

1. Information supporting the requirement that at least 15 percent of the total labor hours of construction, alteration, or repair work performed by a contractor or subcontractor is performed by qualified apprentices consistent with federal law.<sup>3</sup>
2. Certification that the exemption is required to fulfill the developer's obligations under an approved offshore wind renewable energy credit (OREC) order.<sup>4</sup>
3. The potential benefits and impacts on:
  - a. The State's goals for developing offshore wind energy;
  - b. Workforce and supply chain impacts; and
  - c. The risk that price inflation may have on achieving the State's offshore wind energy goals.<sup>5</sup>

Letters can be filed beginning June 1, 2023, when the POWER Act take effect. Comments pertaining to POWER Act exemption applications should be submitted by noon on the Monday before the applicable Administrative Meeting.

By Direction of the Commission,

*/s/ Amanda Best*

Amanda Best  
Deputy Executive Secretary

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<sup>3</sup> PUA §7-704.1(K)(1)

<sup>4</sup> PUA §7-704.1(K)(2)

<sup>5</sup> PUA §7-704.1(K)(3)