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MARYLAND OFFSHORE WIND PROJECT APPLICATION PERIOD

NOTICE: ROUND 2, YEAR 1

The Clean Energy Jobs Act of 2019 directed the Maryland Public Service Commission (“Commission”) to provide additional offshore wind application periods to facilitate the construction of at least 1,200 MW of Round 2 offshore wind projects.¹ In compliance with the law, the Commission contracted the services of independent consultants, ICF Resources, LLC (“ICF”), to assist in the evaluation of applications. On December 10, 2020, an application was submitted to ICF through a dedicated and secure website. Pursuant to the Code of Maryland Regulations (“COMAR”) 20.61.06.01(B)(1), ICF on behalf of the Commission reviewed the submitted application to determine whether that application is administratively complete.²

On December 22, 2020, ICF notified the OSW applicant and the Commission that the submitted application is deemed administratively complete. In accordance with COMAR 20.61.06.01(B)(3), the Commission shall open an Application Period for 180 calendar days after the issuance of this public notice during which other persons may submit applications.³ Therefore, the Commission hereby provides notice that the Application Period⁴ officially commences on December 23, 2020 and, unless extended, will conclude at the close of business on June 21, 2021. Any party interested in submitting a proposed OSW project application is encouraged to visit the dedicated website hosted by ICF on behalf of the Commission, at: <https://www.mdoffshorewindapp.com>.

During the Application Period, details pertaining to any filed application(s) remain confidential pursuant to a closed, sealed bid process. After the conclusion of the Application Period, the Commission is prohibited from accepting additional applications or material changes to previously submitted applications.⁵ The Commission will then engage in a

¹ 2019 MD. Laws, Ch. 757.

² According to COMAR 20.61.01.03(B)(1-1), “Administratively complete” means that the Commission has determined an application to contain the information described in §§D through N of COMAR 20.61.06.02.

³ COMAR 20.61.06.01(B)(4). The Commission may extend this closing date by one or more additional periods of 30 calendar days, at its discretion.

⁴ According to COMAR 20.61.01.03(B)(1-6), “Application Period” is defined as the period of time, beginning and ending in accordance with §§(B)(3) and (B)(4) of COMAR 20.61.06.01, during which one or more OSW applicants may submit an application for approval of a proposed offshore wind project.

⁵ COMAR 20.61.06.01(B)(3)

proceeding to provide an opportunity for interested parties to comment, consistent with applicable confidentiality laws and regulations.⁶

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ Andrew S. Johnston

Andrew S. Johnston
Executive Secretary

⁶ COMAR 20.61.06.01(F)