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David J. Collins
Executive Secretary
Public Service Commission of Maryland
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Re: Proposed Rule Making- Offshore Wind
Regulations

Dear Mr. Collins:

Enclosed please find three documents for filing in a new docket wherein Staff is proposing new regulations, in response to HB 226 (2013), Chapter 3 of the Acts of Maryland- the Maryland Offshore Wind Energy Act of 2013 (the "Act"):

1. Proposed regulations, titled "Maryland OSW Regulations," comprise the full set of regulations that we recommend to give effect to the Act. This set of regulations includes modifications to existing regulations scattered throughout COMAR subtitles 51 and 61 of Title 20, Maryland Public Service Commission, as well as numerous new regulations to be established under new chapter 6, Offshore Wind, of subtitle 61.
2. A second document, titled "Maryland OSW Regulations with Staff Recommendations," comprises the set of explanatory notes to changes to the existing regulations and the new regulations. The explanatory notes provide support for each of the changed and new regulations. Our notes for application process, application requirements, and evaluation criteria reference relevant portions of the Levitan Report (see number 3 below) by page number. Where we have modified a part of an existing regulation, we provide only that part of the regulation. Each change to the regulation is numbered for ease of reference.

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3. The third submittal is a report by Levitan and Associates, Inc. ("Levitan Report"), entitled "Recommended Criteria and Process for the Evaluation and Selection of Offshore Wind Applications".

Please file these documents in a newly created rulemaking docket, and initiate review of these Offshore Wind Regulations to implement the Act. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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