

# **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF MARYLAND**

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## I. Introduction

The Promoting Offshore Wind Energy Resources Act of 2023 (Senate Bill 781/House Bill 793)<sup>1</sup> created an application period for offshore wind (offshore wind) transmission projects in Maryland. The legislation also requires the Public Service Commission (Commission) to report on the information collected under the Commission's Supplier Diversity Program regarding offshore wind developers. Specifically, §7-704.5 of the Public Utilities Article (PUA) requires the Commission to report on or before December 31 each year to the General Assembly on:

- (1) Efforts to promote opportunities for small, minority, women-owned, and veteran-owned businesses;
- (2) Information on participating offshore wind developers;
- (3) Participation of small, minority, women-owned, and veteran-owned businesses in offshore wind projects, including:
  - (i) The number of small, minority, women-owned, and veteran-owned businesses that receive contracts or subcontracts for offshore wind projects; and
  - (ii) The percentage of contractors and subcontractors on offshore wind projects that are small, minority, women-owned, or veteran-owned businesses; and
- (4) Plans to increase future participation of small, minority, women-owned, and veteran-owned businesses in offshore wind projects.

As a condition of the Commission's orders approving ORECs for offshore wind projects discussed in more detail below, awardees are required to file semi-annual compliance reports on their MBE goals. This report contains the information reported through November 2025 for US Wind.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Act of Maryland 2023, Chapter 95 (Senate Bill 781).

<sup>2</sup> Maillog No. 313479.

## II. History of Offshore Wind in Maryland

In 2013, the General Assembly passed the Offshore Wind Energy Act<sup>3</sup> establishing a carve-out for offshore wind energy under the State Renewable Portfolio Standard<sup>4</sup> (RPS) and an application and review process (Round 1) at the Commission for offshore wind projects seeking ORECs. The Commission established Case No. 9431 to review applications.<sup>5</sup> On May 11, 2017, the Commission issued Order No. 88192 approving US Wind, Inc. (US Wind) and Skipjack Offshore Energy, LLC (Skipjack) for ORECs. Table 1 illustrates the project capacities, ORECs awarded, ratepayer impacts, and MBE goals of the Round 1 projects.

**Table 1: Round 1 Project Summary**

	Skipjack	US Wind
Project Capacity	120 MW	248 MW
OREC Price (2012\$)	\$131.93	\$131.93
ORECs Amount	455,482	913,845
Total Residential Impacts (2012\$)	\$1.40 per month (combined Skipjack and US Wind)	
Total Non-Residential Impacts	1.4% annually (combined Skipjack and US Wind)	
MBE Goal	29%	15%

In 2019, the General Assembly passed the Clean Energy Jobs Act creating the Round 2 application and review process at the Commission for offshore wind projects seeking ORECs.<sup>6</sup> In 2021, the Commission established Case No. 9666 to review Round 2 applications.<sup>7</sup> On December 17, 2021, the Commission issued Order No. 90011 approving US Wind and Skipjack for additional ORECs. Table 2 illustrates the project capacities, ORECs awarded, ratepayer impacts, and MBE goals of the Round 2 projects.

<sup>3</sup> Acts of Maryland 2013, Chapter 3 (House Bill 226).

<sup>4</sup> See PUA §7-701 et seq.

<sup>5</sup> *In the Matter of the Applications of U.S. Wind, Inc. and Skipjack Offshore Energy, LLC for a Proposed Offshore Wind Energy Project(s) Pursuant to the Maryland Offshore Wind Energy Act of 2013.*

<sup>6</sup> Acts of Maryland 2019, Chapter 757 (HB-1158/SB-516).

<sup>7</sup> *Skipjack Offshore Energy, LLC and US Wind, Inc.'s Offshore Wind Applications under the Clean Energy Jobs Act of 2019.*

**Table 2: Round 2 Project Summary**

	Skipjack	US Wind
Project Capacity	846 MW	808.5 MW
OREC Price (2012\$)	\$71.61	\$54.17
ORECs Amount	3,279,207	2,513,752
Total Residential Impacts (2018\$)	\$0.88 per month (combined Skipjack and US Wind)	
Total Non-Residential Impacts	0.9% annually (combined Skipjack and US Wind)	
MBE Goal	29%	15%

Following the approval by the Commission of ORECs during the Round 2 solicitation in 2021, both offshore wind project developers subsequently filed notices with the Commission which delayed, by several years, the estimated commercial operation date (COD) of both offshore wind projects awarded in Round 1. On February 25, 2021, Skipjack reported a new COD for its revised offshore wind project schedule as being the second quarter of 2026, and on April 13, 2022, US Wind reported an updated COD of its offshore wind project schedule of December 2026.<sup>8</sup>

On January 25, 2024, Skipjack withdrew from both OREC orders and no longer has awarded ORECs with the state.<sup>9</sup> To address the loss of awarded projects, the General Assembly passed House Bill 1296 (HB 1296) requiring the Commission to open a revised Round 2 proceeding in 2024.<sup>10</sup> On May 10, 2024, the Commission repurposed Case No. 9666 to review revised Round 2 applications. On January 24, 2025, the Commission issued Order No. 91496 approving US Wind’s revised Maryland Offshore Wind (MarWin) and Momentum Wind projects. This OREC award replaces and supersedes the initial Round 1 and Round 2 approvals from the Commission. Table 3 illustrates the project capacities, ORECs awarded, ratepayer impacts, and MBE goals of the Round 2 projects.

<sup>8</sup> Maillog Nos. 240177 and 233931. The offshore wind project applications approved in the 2020 Round 2 application period under the Clean Energy Jobs Act have CODs of 2026.

<sup>9</sup> Maillog No. 307274.

<sup>10</sup> Acts of Maryland 2024, Chapter 431 (House Bill 1296).

**Table 3: Revised Round 2 Project Summary**

US Wind				
Phase	1	2	3	4
Name	MarWin	MarWin Expansion	Momentum Wind 1	Momentum Wind 2
Project Capacity	405 MW	435 MW	435 MW	435 MW
OREC Price <sup>11</sup>	\$110.07	\$101.29	\$91.32	\$91.32
OREC Amount	1,680,191	1,762,215	1,762,215	1,762,215
Total Residential Impacts	\$1.50 per month (Phases 1 and 2 combined) (2012\$)		\$0.88 per month (Phases 3 and 4 combined) (2018\$)	
Total Non-Residential Impacts	1.5% annually (Phase 1 and 2 combined)		0.9% annually (Phase 3 and 4 combined)	
MBE Goal	15%			

US Wind has received all federal, state, and local permit approvals with the most significant being BOEMs final approval of the Construction and Operations Plan on September 5, 2024.<sup>12</sup> It is anticipated the US Wind will begin construction in 2025. Until construction begins, the majority of the anticipated expenditures with the projects and associated contracting and employment has yet to occur. Therefore, while the minority and MBE contracting goals during this pre-construction period of limited contracting and employment are currently being met by US Wind, a more complete gauge of the success of the offshore wind project’s programs in meeting these goals will only occur during the actual construction phase of the projects.

### III. MBE Goals<sup>13</sup>

As a condition of Order No. 91496, US Wind is required to file semi-annual MBE compliance reports with the Commission. Included in the semi-annual reports are status

<sup>11</sup> The OREC prices for Phases 1 and 2 are in 2012\$ and Phases 3 and 4 are in 2018\$.

<sup>12</sup> The United States Government. (2024, September 5). Fact sheet: Biden-Harris Administration hits offshore wind milestone, continues to advance clean energy opportunities. The White House. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/09/05/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-hits-offshore-wind-milestone-continues-to-advance-clean-energy-opportunities/#:~:text=Recognizing%20the%20urgency%20of%20catalyzing,and%20promoting%20ocean%20co%2Duse.>

<sup>13</sup> The data in this section comes from Maillog Nos. 313479 and 309585.

updates on the various statutorily required MBE requirements and goals for US Wind. The most up-to-date information the Commission has received from US Wind is summarized below.

**a. Efforts to promote opportunities for small, minority, women-owned, and veteran-owned businesses**

US Wind requires its general contractors to support the state's interest in expanding procurement opportunities for contractors and vendors who are MBEs, as that term is defined in §14-301 of the State Finance and Procurement Article. General contractors must provide documentation to illustrate their efforts to achieve US Wind's goals such as supporting documentation to show outreach to MBEs, explanations as to why they are unable to meet US Wind's goals, and MBE plans to show consideration of MBEs. US Wind has an MBE Program Compliance Manager and Outreach Team to assist contractors in meeting the company's MBE goals. US Wind also continues to work closely with the Governor's Office of Small, Minority & Women Business Affairs (GOSBA) on its MBE program.

US Wind reports participating in the following meetings and workshops during calendar year 2025 to promote opportunities for small, minority, women-owned, and veteran-owned businesses:

1. Bi-County Business Roundtable on December 19, 2024, January 14, 2025, March 24, 2025, April 28, 2025, June 5, 2025, September 9, 2025 and October 15, 2025
2. Greater Baltimore Committee (GBC) on December 17, 2024, March 17, 2025, April 16, 2025, June 17, 2025, August 20, 2025, September 12, 2025 and October 21, 2025
3. Greater Baltimore Urban League business meeting on February 26, 2025
4. Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland (LBCMD) on October 24 - 25, 2025
5. Maryland Black Caucus Foundation small business workshops on November 22, 2024

6. Maryland Black Chamber of Commerce (MBCC) on November 14, 2024, April 17, 2025, June 26, 2025, and November 15, 2025
7. MBE Night in Annapolis on February 20, 2025
8. Maryland Business Roundtable (MBRT) on September 24, 2025
9. Maryland Chamber of Commerce meeting on April 23, 2025 and November 20, 2025
10. Maryland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (MDHCC) business session on February 14, 2025
11. Maryland Works for Wind convening meeting on March 6, 2025
12. Metro Hispanic Contractors Association Small Business Networking (MDCHCA) on November 6, 2024
13. Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce (PGCOC) networking reception on January 8, 2025
14. People for Change Coalition (PFCC) small business summit on January 6, 2025 and July 30, 2025
15. Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation (PGCEDC) on August 19, 2025
16. Prince George's County Small Business Accelerator Series on April 7, 2025
17. Prince George's County State Chamber on January 29, 2025, February 4, 2025
18. Prince George's County SDDD on December 12, 2024
19. Salisbury Chamber April 24, 2025
20. South County Maryland Environmental Justice Coalition meeting on March 25, 2025
21. Tradepoint Atlantic Empowerment small business graduation program on January 9, 2025
22. Turner Station Conservation Team (TSCT) Energy Justice Indicators meeting on November 20, 2024 and February 11, 2025
23. U.S. Pan-Asian American Chamber of Commerce Business (USPAACC) on June 16, 2025

US Wind also reported it established or maintained collaborative partnership engagement on a continuing basis with the following workforce development stakeholders on the specified dates:

1. Baltimore County Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) on September 18, 2025
2. Baltimore-D.C. Metro Building Trades Council (BDCBT) July 18, 2025
3. Baltimore Public Schools Maritime Advisory Committee on November 12, 2024
4. Baltimore Trains for Wind awards program at Mergenthaler High School, on February 18, 2025
5. Bowie State University on March 31, 2025
6. College of Southern Maryland on March 5 and June 11, 2025
7. Coppin State University on April 24, 2025
8. International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW-24) on December 12, 2024
9. Junior Achievement Career Fair on March 12-14, 2025
10. Metropolitan Regional Council of Carpenters (MRCC) on July 7, 2025
11. Mid-Shore Regional Council (MSRC) /Mid-Shore CDES on August 8, 2025
12. Morgan State University Engineering School on April 11, 2025 and June 6, 2025
13. Turner Station Conservation Teams (TSCT) on September 11, 2025
14. University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) on September 4, 2025
15. University of Maryland KidWind Challenge on October 17, 2025
16. University of Rhode Island on September 11, 2025

#### **b. Participation of small, minority, women-owned, and veteran-owned businesses in offshore wind projects**

The company reports 29 MBEs are currently providing services to US Wind. The companies span a variety of services and products including workforce training, IT services, HR

services, public relation services, engineering services, steel fabrication and inspections, and more. The most recent list provided by the company is below.

1. A.R. Movers, LLC
2. AEA Consulting Firm
3. Alpha Energy, LLC
4. Arcon Training Center, LLC
5. A2Z Environmental Group, LLC
6. Bio-swiftics LLC
7. Bith Group, Inc.
8. Class Act Café & Catering, Inc.
9. Compliance Construction Remediation Inc
10. DSA Designs, Inc.
11. DC Nadia Group, LLC
12. Faulkner Lawn Care & Construction Inc
13. Global Messenger Corporation
14. Impact Business Solutions, LLC
15. InSite Build, LLC
16. JLM HR Consulting
17. Juno Collective
18. K&M Delivery Moving, Inc.
19. Kim Engineering, Inc.
20. Maryland Reprographics, Inc.
21. Mayoka Services, LLC
22. MD Washington Minority Companies
23. MMS, LLC
24. Ogos Energy, LLC
25. Sparks Quality Fence Company
26. SCD Information Technology

27. Strum Contracting, Inc.
28. The Four Thirteen Corporation
29. Unforgettably Yours Events, LLC
30. Willow Oak Group, LLC
31. Xquisite Catering, LLC

**c. Plans to increase future participation of small, minority, women-owned, and veteran-owned business in offshore win projects**

US Wind reports that it has continued to engage MBE companies as project development continues including meetings with hundreds of MBE firms. The company reports that the number of meetings has been increasing. US Wind also reports that it met with state and local agencies, companies, and MBEs and participated in workshops, conferences, and meetings as part of its outreach and workforce development efforts. US Wind is developing both a small business incubator and MBE incubator programs. The company reports planned outreach events with the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO), Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, Minority Outreach Fair hosted by Live! Casino & Hotel, Maryland Black Chamber of Commerce, Maryland Chamber of Commerce, and the Maryland Washington Minority Companies Association (MWMCA).

## **IV. Conclusion**

The Commission appreciates the opportunity to provide the General Assembly with a status update on the compliance of US Wind with the supplier diversity requirements of the Revised Round 2 OREC award. US Wind is working towards meeting the State's goals and will continue providing updates to the Commission on a semi-annual basis. The Commission will continue to monitor the progress of US Wind as its projects move into the fabrication and construction phase.