

## WHERE THE WIND BLOWS: OFFSHORE WIND OUTLOOK FOR STATE REGULATORS

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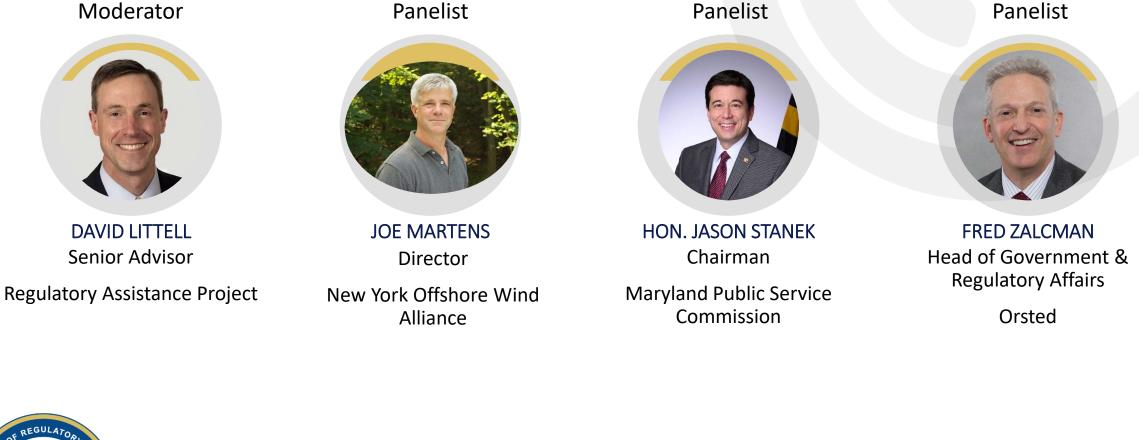
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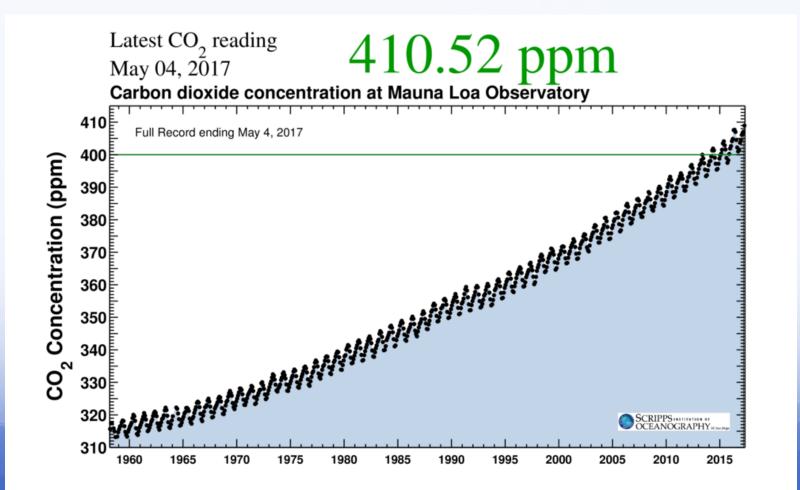
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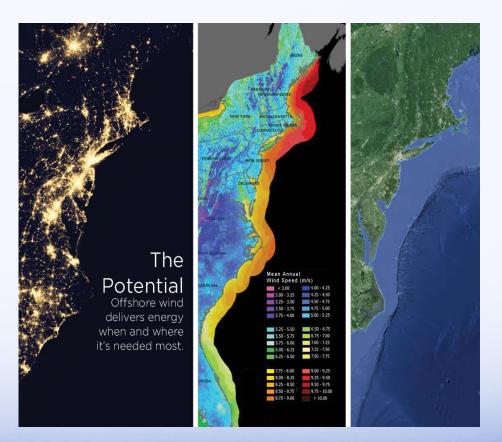


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# Why Offshore Wind?

- Excellent wind resource
- Near load centers
- Helps address transmission bottlenecks
- Easier to site??
- Shallow outer continental shelf
- Retiring peaking & nuclear plants
- Costs are dropping rapidly



# NY: We've Come Far/Fast

- 2016: Governor call for OSW Master Plan
- 2017: Governor Announce 2,400 MW Goal, LIPA signs contract for 90/130 MW South Fork Project
- 2018: OSW Master Plan Released, Governor calls for OSW solicitation, NYSERDA released State's first OSW solicitation in fall
- 2019: 4 Bids, 18 OSW options submitted to NYSERDA
- 2019: Governor Signs Climate Law and Announces 2 OSW contracts totaling 1,700 MW
- 2020: New R.E. Siting Law Approved
- 2020: PSC Approves 70x 30 Order

### Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA)

On July 18, 2019, Governor Cuomo signed the CLCPA, establishing New York's renewable energy goals in statute for the first time.

#### **CLCPA Electric Sector Provisions:**

- 70% of utilities' electricity demand must be met with renewables by 2030
- 100% of statewide electric system must be zero emissions by 2040
- 6,000 MW photovoltaics by 2025 (distributed solar)
- 3,000 MW electricity storage by 2030
- 9,000 MW offshore wind by 2035
- NY's current efficiency goal referenced in law 185 Tbtu.

Note: The rest of the law covers all sections of the economy. Reducing carbon pollution from transportation and building heating will require electrification of transportation and heating. This will increase electricity demand.

### Renewable Energy Growth and Community Protection Act (REGCPA)

- Complete overhaul of former "Article 10" NY Siting Law for large-scale power projects
- New Office of Renewable Energy Siting
- One-year timetable for approval
- Directs the PSC to study onshore and offshore transmission system. To be competed by December 2020
- Accelerates transmission siting approval process (Article 7, PS Law)

# We're Not Alone

- State's up and down the east coast have set ambitious offshore wind goal's/targets. NY leads the nation.
- NY: 9,000 MW Target in Law
- NJ: 7,000 MW Goal
- Mass: 3,200 MW Goal
- CT: 2,000 MW Goal
- MD: 1,200 MW
- RI: 400 MW

# NY's Offshore Wind Approach

- 1. First Offshore Wind Solicitation
  - Price/Economic Benefits/Viability (70x20x10)
  - Prevailing Wage/Project Labor Agreements
  - Environmental and Fisheries Mitigation Plans
  - Stakeholder Outreach
  - Establishment of E-TWG, F-TWG, M-TWG and J&SC-TWG
  - 2. Second Offshore Wind Solicitation (Bids are In)
  - Port Infrastructure Investment Required
  - Successful bidder must commit to \$10K/MW regional wildlife and fisheries fund
  - Identify benefits to disadvantaged communities

# We're on a Fast Track

- PSC 70x30 Order Gives NYSERDA Authority to Issue Future Solicitation Without Its Approval
- 750-1,000 MW per year though 2027
- Great Lakes Feasibility Study
- Winners of the second solicitation will be selected soon (and we could be nearly halfway to reaching 9,000 MW by 2035 standard)

# Thank you



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### Mid-Atlantic Offshore Wind Potential

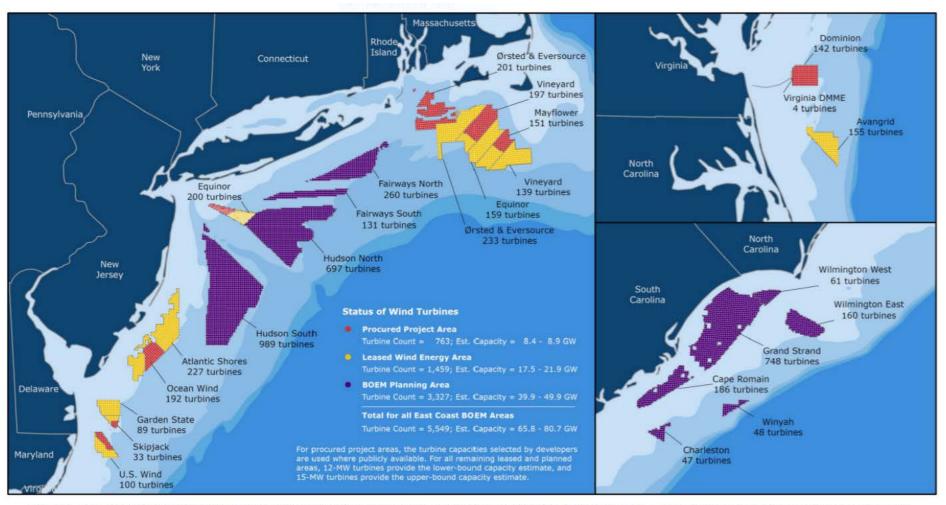


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### State Commitments & Development Status

At \$4,000/kW total capital cost, current commitments by East Coast states represent a \$120 billion investment by 2035.

State	Offshore Committed <sup>3</sup>	e Wind Capac Procured	ity (MW) Remaining	Completed Procurements	Procurements Slated by 2022
Massachusetts	3,200	1,604	1,596	Vineyard Wind ( 800 MW) Mayflower Wind ( 804 MW)	1,600 MW 4
Rhode Island	430	430	0	Block Island ( 30 MW) Revolution Wind ( 400 MW)	
Connecticut	2,300	1,104	1,196	Revolution Wind ( 300 MW) Park City Wind ( 804 MW)	
New York	9,000	1,826	7,174	South Fork Wind ( 130 MW) Sunrise Wind ( 880 MW) Empire Wind ( 816 MW)	2,500 MW <sup>5</sup>
New Jersey	7,500	1,100	6,400	Ocean Wind (1,100 MW)	2,400 MW <sup>6</sup>
Maryland	1,568	368	1,200	MarWin ( 248 MW) Skipjack ( 120 MW)	1,200 MW <sup>7</sup>
Virginia	5,200	2,662	2,538	CVOW Pilot( 12 MW) CVOW(2,650 MW)	
Total	29,198 MW	9,094 MW	20,104 MW	9,094 MW	7,700 MW

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### Ports, Staging and Manufacturing



Ørsted has leased 50 acres at Tradepoint Atlantic, the former Sparrows Point iron and steel mill site, for its wind energy staging center. The leased area sits next to Tradepoint's deep water inner berth.



New port, staging and manufacturing capacity is needed and is under development all along the East Coast.



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## **Regulatory Framework**

#### Federal Government

- FERC: interstate wholesale sales and transmission
- BOEM: offshore renewable energy development
  - controls leases, easements, and rights of way in federal waters

#### State Governments

- Generation
- Distribution
- Retail Sales
- RTOs, ISOs
- PSCs/PUCs

#### Local Governments

- Interconnection
- Siting
- Party in Federal and State cases



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### **State Financial Support & Recovery**

- ORECs and PPAs: Fixed price through competitive bidding.
  - ORECs:
    - MD Skipjack and US Wind: \$131.93/MWh
    - NJ Ocean Wind: \$98.10/MWh
  - PPAs:
    - MA Vineyard 1: \$74/MWh
    - RI Revolution Wind: \$98.34/MWh
    - CT Revolution Wind: \$94/MWh
    - NY South Fork: \$163/MWh
- Regulatory Assets/Base Rates: Costs are recovered through regulated utility rates.
  - VA: \$300 Million recovered through base rates for 12 MW Dominion Project



## **Project Approval Processes**

- Federal/BOEM: planning, leasing, site assessment, and construction and operation
- Approval Process by States Varies:
  - Environmental
  - Interconnection
  - Financing Mechanisms



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### MD "Round 1"

• Maryland Offshore Wind Energy Act of 2013: created an offshore wind carve-out of Tier 1 resources under the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) of a maximum of 2.5% of electricity sold in Maryland in 2017 and later.

• US Wind: 248 MW plant approved for 913,845 ORECs per year for 20 years.

• Skipjack Wind Farm: 120 MW plant approved for 455,458 ORECs per year for 20 years.

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## MD "Round 2"

- Clean Energy Jobs Act of 2019: added a second round of offshore wind procurement for a minimum of 1,200 MW with a residential rate cap of \$0.88 per month and nonresidential cap of 0.9% of annual bills.
  - January 1, 2020, 2021, and 2022: application periods for 2026, 2028, and 2030 respectively.
  - At least 400 MW per application period for a minimum of 1,200 MW.
  - Exceptions if not enough applications are submitted or if the maximum customer impacts are exceeded.



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#### Overview



- Offshore wind represents the dawning of a new industry in the U.S.
- It has huge potential to achieve both economic and environmental goals
- There is no clear rulebook for how this new industry can and should develop
- Without a rulebook, offshore wind faces several major challenges
- States and the federal government can set the stage for success



#### Ørsted Offshore: Global overview

25+ years of experience and unparalleled track record

The global leader in offshore wind

- > 6.8 GW installed capacity
- > 3.1 GW under construction
- >1,500+ turbines spinning
- > 26 offshore wind farms in
  operation





#### Ørsted Offshore North America portfolio

Awarded over 2,900 MW of offshore capacity on the East coast



#### In Operation

Block Island Wind Farm: 30MW

Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind: EPC contract, 12MW demo project

#### Awarded

Revolution Wind: 50/50 JV w/ Eversource, 704MW (400MW to RI, 304MW to CT)

South Fork Wind: 50/50 JV w/ Eversource, 132MW

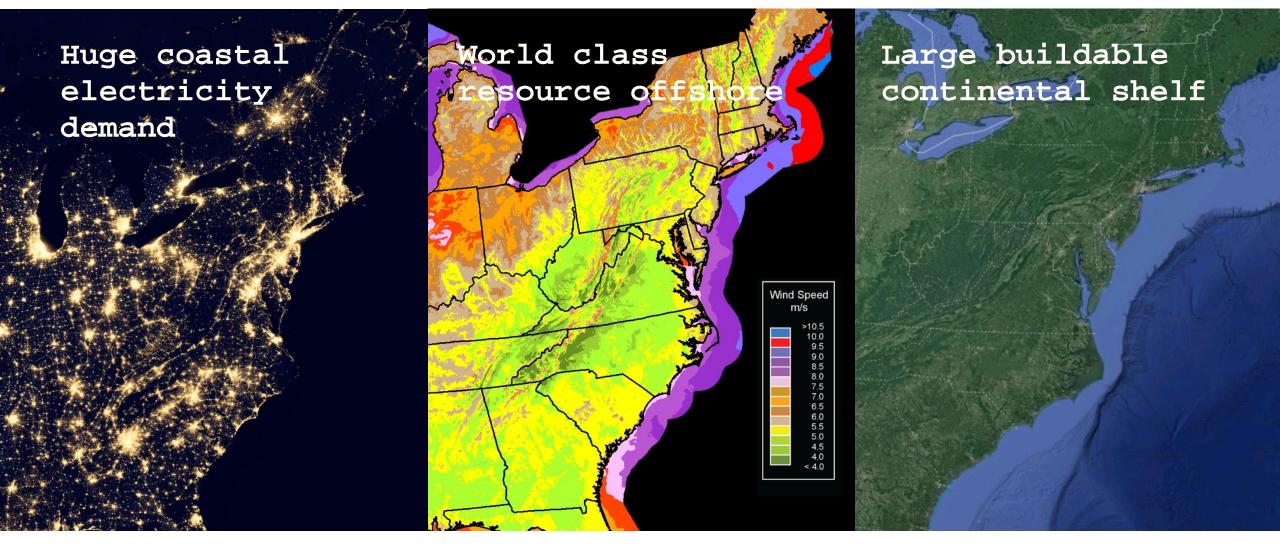
Sunrise Wind: 50/50 JV w/ Eversource, 880MW

Ocean Wind: with the support of PSEG, 1,100MW

Skipjack Wind Farm: 120MW

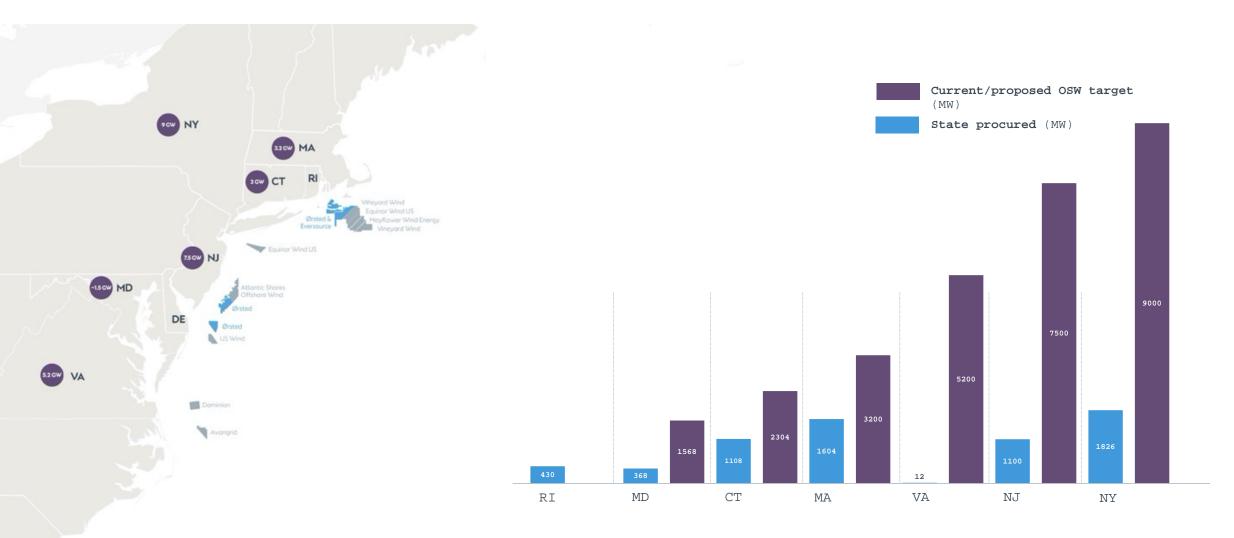


#### Why offshore wind





#### **Offshore wind market on the East Coast** Potential for 25+ GW





#### States leading the way: Best practices in competitive procurement

- Flexible procurements with ability to scale
- Long-term and financeable offtake
- Clear bid selection criteria and weighting
- Enforceable local content requirements
- Subject matter expert support





# Key Challenges and Opportunities





#### Key challenge: complex design & permitting uncertainties

#### Offshore wind farms are complex

- Multi-year design & planning phases
  - Globally ~ 7-year average
- Navigating complicated permitting regime with novel technology
  - Multiple state and federal agencies
  - Enormous uncertainty regarding timelines
  - Significant capital at risk before permits issued

#### Solutions

- Greater involvement of states across region in federal lease area identification process
- Widespread use of "envelope" approach to permitting
- More resources to alleviate permitting bottlenecks and promote adherence to milestones





#### Key challenge: Transmission

- Power grid along the U.S. East Coast not designed to take large amounts of power from offshore
- Difficult to find suitable space to come to shore
- Independent System Operator managed process for new generator interconnection process slow and uncertain
  - In ISO NE feasibility studies have a 90 timeline, but in Q2 2020 average completion time of 241 days reported
  - Projects moving in and out of queue result in delays and changing interconnection cost estimates

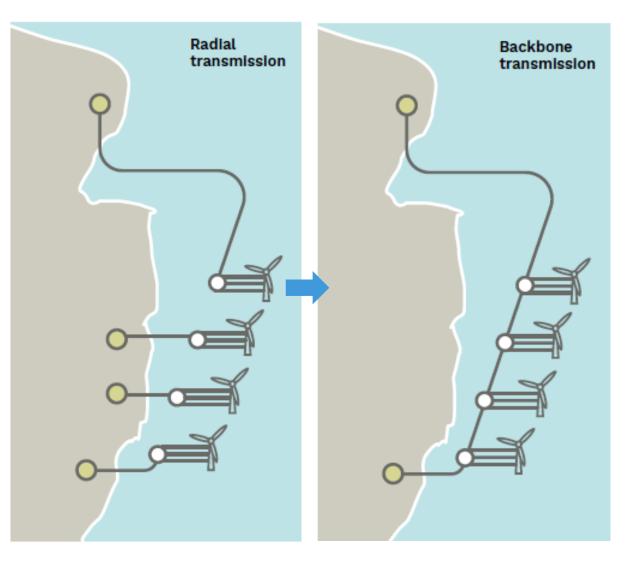




#### Solutions & opportunities: large-scale offshore power grid upgrades

- As space at points of interconnection become more limited, states should consider options for backbone transmission
- In order to avoid costly miscues that plagued the first European attempts the following will need to be addressed:
  - Develop revenue and risk allocation mechanisms to protect offshore wind developers from lost revenue in the event of backbone failures
  - Site backbone in locations that accommodate geographically diverse lease areas
- Develop interconnection standards that can be factored into project
   <sup>38</sup> Image source: New Jarsey Offshore Wind Strategic Plan design and cost in advance of

project bids





# Thank you

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### **MODERATED Q&A**

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