

Maryland Request State Agreement Approach

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- Maryland Public Service Commission requested that PJM utilize the State Agreement Approach (SAA process) to support Public Policy Requirements outlined in the POWER Act (Promoting Offshore Wind Energy Resources Act of 2023).
- Request and supporting documents are in PSC Docket 9800.
 https://webpscxb.psc.state.md.us/DMS/case/9800



Excerpts from the POWER Act, 7-704.1(a)(1)

- I. The State has a goal of reaching 8,500 megawatts of offshore wind energy capacity by 2031, including Round 1 Offshore Wind Projects, Round 2 Offshore Wind Projects, and any other procurement efforts;
- II. The General Assembly anticipates the issuance of sufficient wind energy leases in the Central Atlantic Region to satisfy the goal state in Item (I) of this paragraph;



Details of the Request

Excerpts from POWER Act, §7–704.3:

- (A) The General Assembly finds and declares that it is in the public interest to upgrade and expand the transmission system to accommodate the buildout of at least 8,500 megawatts of offshore wind energy from qualified offshore wind projects serving the State by 2031.
- (B)(1) To meet the goals established under § 7–703 of this subtitle and subsection (a) of this section, the Commission, in consultation with the Maryland Energy Administration, shall request that PJM Interconnection conduct an analysis of transmission system upgrade and expansion options that take into consideration both onshore and offshore infrastructure.

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- (3) The Commission may enter into any necessary agreements with PJM Interconnection for transmission planning to:
 - (i) initiate PJM Interconnection's analysis; or
 - (ii) assist with the solicitation of proposals for offshore wind transmission projects.
- (C)(1) On or before July 1, 2025, the Commission shall issue, or request that PJM Interconnection issue, one or more competitive solicitations for proposals for open access offshore wind transmission facilities and complementary onshore transmission upgrades and expansions.



 PJM performed an informational study using a final 2024 RTEP case to help inform potential injections

 Maryland requested to proceed with a scenario that plans for onshore injections on the Delmarva peninsula

Indian River (DP&L)	2,000 MW by 2028
Cool Spring (DP&L)	1,500 MW by 2030
Piney Grove (DP&L)	1,500 MW by 2030
Nelson (DP&L)	1,500 MW by 2030
Calvert Cliff (PEPCO)	2,000 MW by 2031



- Working with MD PSC to draft a State Agreement Approach Study Agreement.
 - Agreement must be filed and approved by FERC

 Goal to have PJM perform analysis and open competitive window in 2026 to fulfill the request for assistance.



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