

Offshore Wind and Onshore Jobs

ESTABLISHING MARYLAND AS A CLEAN ENERGY LEADER

- In May 2017, Maryland's Public Service Commission approved applications from U.S. Wind and Skipjack Offshore Energy for offshore wind projects in the Atlantic Ocean that will produce a combined 368 megawatts of energy for Maryland residents.¹
- The wind farms will be built off of the coast of Ocean City, Maryland and collectively generate enough energy to power over 500,000 homes.²
- With these projects, Maryland could become the East Coast manufacturing hub for this growing industry, putting us at the forefront of clean energy development and reducing our reliance on harmful fossil fuels.



INVESTING IN BALTIMORE AS A MANUFACTURING HUB



- Baltimore's deepwater port and underused industrial areas make the region a prime location for wind turbine manufacturing and assembly.
- Maryland's Public Service Commission required the two wind companies to invest \$115 million in manufacturing facilities and port upgrades in and around Sparrows Point and contribute \$6 million to an offshore wind business development fund.³ This economic activity will prioritize small businesses and businesses owned by people of color.
- Offshore wind has the potential to create thousands of family-sustaining jobs in Baltimore and across the state. The U.S. Department of Energy has found that jobs associated with the offshore wind industry have average annual earnings (including benefits) of \$141,000 for onsite workers.⁴

TAKE ACTION

SIGN THE PETITION urging the Maryland Public Service Commission to approve offshore wind as soon as possible: <http://bit.ly/MD-offshore-wind>

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