

PUBLIC NOTICE

PSC Case 21-T-0366 — Application of Empire Offshore Wind LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Construction of Approximately 17.5 Miles of Transmission Lines from the Boundary of New York State Territorial Waters to a Point of Interconnection in Brooklyn, Kings County.

NOTICE OF FILING OF EMPIRE OFFSHORE WIND'S ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION PLAN – PART 3 FOR THE EMPIRE WIND 1 PROJECT

On June 30, 2021, in accordance with Article VII of the New York Public Service Law and the New York Department of Public Service's (DPS) rules and regulations, Empire Offshore Wind LLC (Empire or the Applicant) applied to the New York State Public Service Commission (the Commission) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) to construct, operate and maintain the New York portion of the transmission facilities (the Project) required to interconnect the Applicant's proposed 816 megawatt (MW) Empire Wind 1 Offshore Wind project (OSW Facility) to the New York State Transmission System. The Project will supply renewable electricity produced from the OSW Facility to consumers in New York State.

The Project is planned to be constructed almost entirely underground or under the waters of the State of New York to mitigate environmental impacts. The Project consists of the following:

- Two three-core 230-kilovolt (kV) high-voltage alternating current (HVAC) submarine export cables (submarine export cables) from the boundary of New York State waters 3 nautical miles (5.6 kilometers) offshore to the cable landfall in Brooklyn, New York;
- A 0.2-mi (0.3km)-long onshore cable route and substation including:
 - Two three-core 230-kV HVAC Empire Wind 1 onshore export cables buried underground from the cable landfall transition joint bays to the onshore substation (onshore export cables);
 - An onshore substation located at the South Brooklyn Marine Terminal (SBMT) (onshore substation), which will step up the voltage to 345-kV for the onshore interconnection cables; and
 - Two 345-kV cable circuits, each with three single-core HVAC onshore interconnection cables (interconnection cables), buried underground from the onshore substation to the Point of Interconnection (POI) operated by Con Edison.

On December 18, 2023, the Commission issued Empire a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate). The Certificate requires Empire to file a proposed Environmental Management and Construction Plan (the EM&CP) for the Project. Certificate Condition A10 in the Certificate allows the filing and review of the EM&CP to be segmented to facilitate construction sequencing and scheduling, provided that with its first EM&CP filing, Empire identifies the remaining EM&CP segments of on-land components of the Project that do not require other permits. Empire's EM&CP is segmented into six parts (each, a "Part"). Each Part will be submitted as a separate filing.

On November 20, 2023, Empire filed its proposed Part 1 EM&CP with the Commission. On January 9, 2024, Empire filed its proposed Part 2 EM&CP. However, due to the timing associated with obtaining necessary land rights, Empire supplemented its previously submitted Part 1 EM&CP filing and split Part 1 into Parts 1A, 1B, and 1C submissions. Empire subsequently filed its Part 1A EM&CP supplement on March 15, 2024, and its Part 1B EM&CP supplement on April 10, 2024.

On or about May 6, 2024, Empire will file its proposed Part 3 EM&CP with the Commission in compliance with the Joint Proposal. The Part 3 EM&CP addressed in this Public Notice addresses the construction and operation of the Project’s aboveground facilities at the onshore substation within SBMT, onshore cable pulling along the interconnection route within 2nd Avenue that terminates at the POI at Gowanus Substation, control buildings, equipment buildings, electrical works, as well as O&M and decommissioning of the Project’s EM&CP Part 3 onshore facilities.

EM&CP

The EM&CP, in general, describes the construction procedures and environmental protection measures proposed to be used for the entire Project. Empire developed the EM&CP’s environmental protection measures related to the clearing of vegetation, wetland/waterbody crossings, and water quality concerns in coordination with DEC, DOS and DPS Staff. The EM&CP also identifies the Project facilities and environmental features inside the Project’s cable corridor, defines the Applicant’s organizational framework and procedures to implement construction techniques and impact avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures, defines site access and traffic management procedures, discusses protective measures for environmental resources, identifies operations and maintenance measures, and associated decommissioning.

An electronic version of the Part 3 EM&CP is available for public inspection online on the Commission’s Document and Matter Management page for this case at the following location: [NYSDPS-DMM: Matter Master](http://www.dps.ny.gov), or by visiting the Commission’s website (<http://www.dps.ny.gov>), clicking the “Search” tab, and entering “21-T-0366” in the “Search by Case Number” box.

The Part 3 EM&CP is also available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following local libraries:

Brooklyn Public Library Flatbush Branch 22 Linden Blvd. at Flatbush Ave. Brooklyn NY 11226	Brooklyn Public Library Park Slope Branch 431 6 th Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11215
Brooklyn Public Library Sunset Park Branch 5108 Fourth Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11220	Brooklyn Public Library Bay Ridge Branch 7223 Ridge Blvd. Brooklyn, NY 11209

COMMENTS, COMPLAINTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Any person may be heard by the Commission on any matter or objection regarding the proposed EM&CP by filing written comments with the Commission Secretary and Empire (at the addresses immediately below) within 30 days of the Part 3 EM&CP filing or 30 days of the publication of this Notice, whichever is later. Please reference Case 21-T-0366 when making any comments or requesting further information regarding the Project. Any person desiring additional information about a specific geographical location regarding Part 3 EM&CP may request such information from Empire at the address listed below.

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