

Governor Carney Announces Appointments to Delaware Offshore Wind Working Group

Working group, established by Executive Order #13, will hold its first meeting October 6

WILMINGTON, Del. – Governor John Carney on Friday announced appointments to the [Delaware Offshore Wind Working Group](#), which was established last month by [Executive Order 13](#) to study potential environmental and economic development benefits of offshore wind development to serve Delaware.

“Finding ways to participate in the development of alternate energy sources is the right decision for our environment and our economy, and has the potential to create good-paying jobs,” said **Governor Carney**. “The members of this working group will help us explore potential economic and environmental benefits of offshore wind development for Delaware, and determine costs and benefits for electric ratepayers across our state. Thank you to Bruce Burcat for agreeing to chair this group, and to all of those who have agreed to serve.”

Newly appointed members of the Offshore Wind Working Group are:

- Bruce Burcat, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Renewable Energy Coalition, Chair
- Senator David McBride
- Senator Harris McDowell
- Representative Trey Paradee
- Representative Ronald Gray
- Secretary Jeff Bullock, Delaware Department of State
- Secretary Shawn Garvin, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control

- Robert Howatt, Executive Director, Public Service Commission Staff
- Drew Slater, Public Advocate
- Albert Shields, Policy Director, Office of the Governor
- Mario Giovanni, Director of Energy Acquisition, Delmarva Power & Light
- Patrick McCullar, President and CEO, Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation
- Mark Nielson, Vice President, Staff Services, Delaware Electrical Cooperative
- Professor Jeremy Firestone, Director, Center for Carbon-free Power Integration, University of Delaware
- Brenna Goggin, Director of Advocacy, Delaware Nature Society
- Jeffrey Gordon, President, American Birding Association
- Guy Marcozzi, President and CEO, Duffield Associates
- James Maravelias, President, Delaware State AFL-CIO
- Collin O'Mara, President and CEO, National Wildlife Federation

By December 15, the working group will submit a report to the Governor that makes recommendations on short- and long-term strategies for developing wind power to serve Delaware, and plans to develop job opportunities in the offshore wind industry. The group also will draft any necessary legislation, including possible amendments to Delaware's Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards Act.

The first meeting of the Offshore Wind Working Group is scheduled for Friday, October 6 at 9:00 a.m. in the Delaware Public Service Commission Hearing Room, 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, DE 19904. All Delaware Offshore Wind Working Group meetings will be listed on the statewide calendar and are open to the public. Meeting agendas, minutes and related materials will be posted on the state calendar as well. Information about the October 6 meeting can be found [here](#).

More information about the Offshore Wind Working Group can be

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