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SOUTH JERSEY PROJECT IN THE RACE TO DELIVER WIND ENERGY FIRST

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TOMS RIVER, NJ – A South Jersey firm today launched South Jersey’s first utility-scale wind farm project and promised to be lighting over 125,000 New Jersey households long before other planned offshore projects are completed.

Delsea Energy LLC, based in Toms River, announced that it has filed initial permit applications with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The initial permits would authorize installation of a data collection and monitoring station in the Delaware Bay. This station is the first phase of a project that will ultimately include a hundred or more wind turbines in the Nearshore or shallow waters of the upper Delaware Bay.

“This project can fulfill thirteen percent of Governor Corzine’s visionary energy master plan goals for offshore wind power,” said John Renz, Delsea Energy’s Vice President of Business Development, “and these turbines, located in shallow water, are easier to build than the ocean based deep water turbines. That means that we can deliver jobs and opportunities, along with a substantial amount of clean energy, more quickly to New Jersey residents.”

“Governor Corzine's Energy Master Plan requires 1000 Megawatts (MW) of off-shore wind generation by 2012 and 3000 by 2020 as part of the state's overall effort to increase our renewable generation, improve the reliability of our energy supply and reduce the state's greenhouse gas emissions" said Jeanne Fox, President of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. "The Board welcomes and encourages environmentally sound proposals from the private sector to help the state achieve these ambitious and critical goals."

The four monitoring stations located on platforms in the bay will confirm the strength of the wind resource in the area and also will enable the performance of scientific studies to ensure the wind turbines will not result in unacceptable impacts to birds, bats or other sensitive wildlife.

The wind turbines proposed for the Delaware Bay would be located between one and two miles offshore, 2000 feet from the main shipping channel, in an area extending from just north of the Miah Maull Shoal to an area just north of the Ship John Shoal Lighthouse.

“New Jersey needs to realize its full clean energy potential,” said Dena Mottola Jaborska, Executive Director of Environment New Jersey, “and that includes moving ahead with Nearshore wind energy developments like this one.”

Delsea Energy anticipates that the initial studies will take a full year to complete, after which the precise number and placement of turbines can be determined for subsequent NJDEP and USACE permit applications. Preliminary wind studies indicate that the site identified by Delsea Energy can support a hundred or more turbines; enough to satisfy the electricity needs of over 125,000 New Jersey households.

“Delsea Energy wants this project to be a model of transparency and public participation,” said Renz, adding that local public meetings and information found on Delsea Energy’s website www.delseaenergy.com will ensure that interested residents and advocacy groups will be kept fully informed as the project proceeds. Bradley M. Campbell, a former NJDEP Commissioner, is advising Delsea on the project to ensure that it incorporates the best practices both for clean energy performance and wildlife protection.

“South Jersey can be a leader in the new energy economy, and clean energy can drive South Jersey’s economic recovery,” said State Senator Steve Sweeney (D-Gloucester). Both President Obama and New Jersey’s Legislature have created strong incentives for new wind projects, and with Delsea Energy’s leadership the clean energy future revolution can begin here.”

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