

State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 96

OFFSHORE WIND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, at my request the United States Department of Interior through its Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement established a North Carolina Task Force of federal, state, and local government officials which have begun to identify viable lease blocks for the production of offshore wind energy; and

WHEREAS, it is important for our state to increase its domestic energy production by continuing to explore emerging energy production technologies and other sources of energy for North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina seeks to develop jobs that foster America's energy independence while balancing the need to protect and maintain our state's economic and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the offshore wind industry presents North Carolina with an opportunity to build a new industry by attracting major new manufacturing facilities which will establish a robust export market, and create jobs; and

WHEREAS, the offshore wind manufacturing and supply chain businesses are making decisions now on where to establish their facilities, thereby creating a significant economic development opportunity for North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has the largest offshore wind resource on the East Coast which makes the State uniquely positioned to develop offshore wind on the scale needed to attract this growing industry as well as its many jobs and manufacturing facilities; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that the waters off the North Carolina coast have sufficient wind resources to generate about 130% of the State's total energy use; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has the fastest growing population on the East Coast, and our State's investor-owned utilities have identified significant new electricity generation needs to accommodate projected energy demand growth; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration released a report in November 2010 suggesting that North Carolina is the least expensive location in the nation in which to build new offshore wind generation.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED**:

Section 1. Establishment

The Offshore Wind Economic Development Task Force (hereinafter the "Offshore Wind Task Force" or "Task Force") is hereby established.

Section 2. Membership

- a. Members of the Offshore Wind Taskforce shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Offshore Wind Task Force shall consist of 15 members, including ex-officio members. The Governor shall appoint a Chair of the Task Force.
- b. The membership of the Offshore Wind Task Force shall be composed of the following:
 1. One member shall be a representative with experience in offshore wind energy transmission planning.
 2. One member shall be a representative with experience in offshore wind energy supply chain components or manufacturing.
 3. One member shall be a representative with experience in offshore wind technologies.
 4. One member shall be a representative of an investor-owned utility appointed upon recommendation of the Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives.
 5. One member shall be a representative of an electric Co-op appointed upon recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the North Carolina Senate.
 6. One member shall be a representative of the North Carolina Ports.
 7. One member shall be a representative of the transportation and logistics industry.
 8. One member shall be a representative with experience in environmental protection.
 9. One member shall be the Chair of the North Carolina Utilities Commission or the Chair's designee.
 10. One member shall be the Director of the Public Staff of the North Carolina Utilities Commission or the Director's designee.
 11. One member shall be focused on economic development in the western region of the State.
 12. One member shall be focused on economic development in the piedmont region of the State.
 13. One member shall be focused on economic development in the eastern region of the State.
 14. One At-Large member appointed by the Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives.

15. One At-Large member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the North Carolina Senate.

Section 3. Duties

The Offshore Wind Taskforce shall have the following duties:

- a. Study the economic costs and benefits of developing the offshore wind industry including transmission lines, siting of manufacturing facilities, and the potential markets for offshore wind energy.
- b. Study the benefits of the State establishing a non-binding goal of developing 5,000 megawatts of offshore wind energy generation by the year 2030.
- c. Examine existing laws and regulations in North Carolina and other states to determine what policy framework is needed, at the state and local level, to recruit and retain the offshore wind industry for North Carolina.
- d. Identify a range of potential benefits and incentives that could be available for communities where the offshore wind industry may locate.
- e. Make recommendations to encourage the development of the offshore wind industry in North Carolina to ensure the industry will result in a positive net economic benefit to the state.
- f. Create guidelines which provide information on viable areas for the offshore wind industry to locate their facilities that include details on military uses, local economic development plans, zoning, land use policies and environmental concerns.
- g. Report findings and recommendations to the Governor on or before March 31, 2012.

Section 4. Meetings

The Offshore Wind Task Force shall meet monthly or upon the call of the Governor or the Chair. A majority of the Offshore Wind Task Force shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

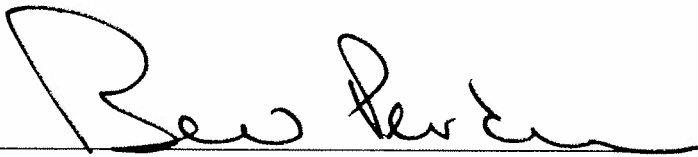
Section 5. Administration

The Department of Commerce shall provide clerical support and other services required by the Offshore Wind Task Force. No per diem allowance shall be paid to members of the Task Force. Members of the Task Force and staff may receive necessary travel and subsistence expenses in accordance with State law and the policies and regulations of the Office of State Budget and Management.

Section 6. Effect and Duration

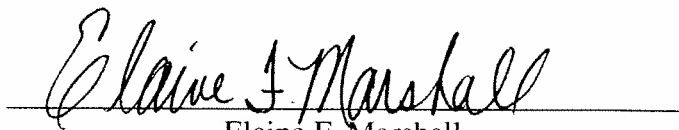
This Executive Order is effective July 1, 2011. It supersedes and replaces all other executive orders on this subject. It shall remain in effect until June 30, 2015, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 147-16.2, unless earlier rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this thirtieth day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fifth.



Beverly Eaves Perdue
Governor

ATTEST:



Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State