

# **ATLANTIC WIND CONNECTION**

# **Electric Transmission Superhighway**

**BUILDING AN INDUSTRY** 

**CREATING JOBS** 

**STRENGTHENING THE GRID** 









### **U.S. Energy Demand**

## AWC securely delivers power to the vital East Coast



3x the amount needed to power the entire Mid-Atlantic region and full fleet of electric cars

#### East Coast Mid-Atlantic region

- Home to nation's largest population centers
- Headquarters to nation's key institutions:
  - Financial (NYC/NJ)
  - Political (DC)
  - Military (VA)

**Mid-Atlantic Energy Demand** 

73 GW

East Coast Energy Demand

120 GW

#### **Developable Offshore Wind**

330 GW from NC to MA

#### Atlantic

# U.S. Department of Interior – "Smart from the Start" Designated Wind Energy Areas





#### Two transmission options to connect offshore wind to the grid:

<u>Radial Ties</u>: Each wind farm lays 3 or more cables to get power to land (radial interconnections or "ties"), or <u>AWC</u>: The wind farms connect to a high-capacity offshore "backbone" transmission system



## **Complexity**

### **DOE Report on East Coast's Grid Congestion Problem** Caused by lack of transmission & generation



- Congestion is the inability to deliver power where it is needed.
- In recent years, **PJM** ratepayers have paid

\$0.5 - \$2.0 Billion

<u>per year</u> in congestion charges.

 Reducing congestion will provide huge value to consumers.

## **Background – New Jersey Energy Link**

- 1. New Jersey has the 7<sup>th</sup> most expensive electricity in the United States
- 2. There are two reasons as identified by the BPU, Governor's *Energy Master Plan*, & NJLEUC:
  - Shortage of generation
  - Transmission constraints
- 3. Causes and consequences of the shortages:
  - Very difficult to site generation or transmission (especially overhead)
  - Shortages create congestion pricing which is good for PSEG.
     51-73% of PSEG net income comes from their generation assets.
  - Recent PJM auction for capacity supply in 2016/2017 resulted in \$219 per mw/day in PSE&G service area while the rest of NJ was \$119.



- 4. NJEL is a new solution from an independent company that will invest private sector dollars to fix the problem using a transmission system built under the sea and land from the Atlantic City area to Jersey City.
  - If NJEL was available to address the PSEG zone capacity requirement in 2016/2017, the savings to ratepayers would be approximately \$475 million.

# New Jersey Energy Link

A modern subsea, electric transmission cable 12 miles from shore to move power to where it is needed, when it is needed.



## The Line Pays for Itself.

A less congested, more efficient and reliable grid with the New Jersey Energy Link will save New Jersey ratepayers about \$1.4 billion over the project's operating life. This means a savings of \$207 for the typical residential customer.

## More Reliable, Resilient and Secure than Traditional Overhead Lines

Traditional overhead lines are exposed and vulnerable to severe weather. The New Jersey Energy Link will be buried six feet underground, where it is more resilient against storms and terrorist attacks than overhead transmission. A modern, storm-hardened backbone will mean that New Jersey will be better prepared when the next big storm hits.

# New Jersey Energy Link

#### When New Jersey moves forward with offshore wind



Electric superhighway connecting northern, central and southern New Jersey

Delivers up to 3,000 megawatts of offshore wind and conventional electricity to where it is needed, when it is needed

- > Enough to power 1 million homes
- > Eliminate 8 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- > Equivalent to taking 1.5 million cars off the road

#### **Reduces cost of offshore wind**

Creates thousands of New Jersey jobs and strengthens the State's economy

Cuts cost of electricity and improves grid reliability & resiliency

## **REPORT: Weather-Related Blackouts Doubled Since 2003**



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## NJEL system components

- A multi-terminal HVDC network
  - Buried submarine cable
  - Buried land cable
  - Terrestrial converter stations
  - Offshore converter hub platforms











# Building an Industry





#### **Experienced Partners**



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#### Bechtel Study

**Build Feasibility of Paulsboro Marine Terminal** 

By making the Paulsboro Marine Terminal the construction hub for the New Jersey Energy Link:

- > 500 to 600 jobs will be created in Paulsboro
- Plus an additional 1,100 jobs throughout the State from constructing the New Jersey Energy Link

## Study by IHS Global Insight

A leading global analytics firm

The build-out of 3,400MW of offshore wind and the New Jersey Energy Link is estimated to:

- Create 10,000 20,000 jobs in New Jersey
- Pump \$9 billion into the State's economy
- Add \$2.2 billion to State and local government tax revenues

## **Development Status of Project**

#### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

FERC approves AWC 219 Order (May 2011): *Atlantic Grid Operations A LLC*, 135 FERC ¶ 61,144 (2011)

- > 12.59% return on equity
- 100% Construction Work in Progress (CWIP)
- Incentives do not take effect until the project is approved into PJM's Regional Transmission Expansion Plan

#### **U.S. Department of Interior**

- AWC Right-of-Way application submitted to U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) in March 2011
- BOEM issues "Determination of No Competitive Interest" for AWC Right-of-Way (June 2012)

#### **PJM Interconnection**

PJM determines Atlantic Grid is pre-qualified to build AWC (March 2013)

#### New Jersey State Legislature

The NJ Legislature passed a Joint Resolution (ACR197/SCR159) with strong bi-partisan support (June 2013). Urges NJ's Board of Public Utilities to work with PJM & State agencies to coordinate with PJM to facilitate NJEL development.

## **Global Partners**





## **Building the**

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## Overview

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# Bernard EnergyAdvocacy

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# The Elia Group

- Among the top 5 TSOs for electricity in the EU
- Frontrunner in grid integration of renewables since incorporation in 2001
- $\blacktriangleright$  BE + <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> DE with 870 substations
- ➢ Listed on Euronext since 2005
- ➢ Fully unbundled
- 380 kV and 220 kV (down to 30 kV in BE)
- ▶ 1,950 employees
- International consulting and engineering



# The Elia Group (cont.)



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50 Hertz Baltic Sea

**Offshore Projects** 

Offshore Wind Farms and Grid Connection in Baltic Sea (07/2012)

Lüdershage

19 Ostseeschatz (alternative to Strom-Nord)

20 Windanker (alternative to ArkonaSee Süd)

ntwisch

12 Wikinger-Nord

14 Adlergrund Gap

16 Arkona-Becken Südost

11 ArkonaSee Ost 21 Wikinger-Süd (alternative to Adlergrund Gap)

15 Adlergrund 500

8 ArkonaSee Süd 18 Strom-Süd (alternative to Baltic Eagle)

25 GW, 2 to 3 Hubs

13 Wikinger

10/19

0/18

Lubmin

17 Ostseeperle (alternative to ArkonaSee West and ArkonaSee

13,2012

Usedom

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Cable routes (schematic)

----- In planning stage — — Under construction

In operation Offshore wind farms (schematic) In planning stage

Under construction In operation

> 3 21

Beta Baltic

2 Fairwind

Reltsee

Baltic 1

Baltic 2

6 Arcadis Ost 1

9 Baltic Eagle

10 Strom-Nord

7 ArkonaSee West Süd)

#### Elia Belgian Offshore **Grid Solution**







#### **US** East Coast Backbone





# Elia's Interest in the AWC

US regulatory system (FERC) + higher returns US: Return on investment more reflective of incentives (risk is better acknowledged and compensated – e.g. adders)
 Understanding this is helpful in negotiations with EU regulators

Innovative technology

- Offshore HVDC combined with VSC: Most advanced transmission technology
  - Offshore backbone able to connect multiple offshore wind farms

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- Lower losses
- Higher controllability of power flows

Non-TSO partners

# The European Supergrid

#### Supergrid:

Pan-European transmission network facilitating RES integration, balancing and transportation of electricity, with the aim of improving the European market

Why a Supergrid?

- Carbon neutral Europe by 2050
- Single European electricity market
- Secure and sustainable supply
- Transformed energy system
- Innovative technology
- Skilled employment opportunities





# North Sea Countries Offshore Grid Initiative

## Post 2020 - North Sea Grid



Potential energy "hub" Potential interconnections



Source: the Scottish Governement, 2010

- Initiative being developed by the
  Energy Ministries of Belgium,
  Denmark, France, Germany,
  Ireland, Luxembourg, the
  Netherlands, Norway, Sweden
  and the UK.
- MoU signed in December 2010
- Support from ENSTO-E, ACER, EC and national regulators

**Aim:** Integrate the offshore electricity grid and other interconnectors in the North Sea:

- Transfer offshore generation to load and storage centers
- Increase cross-border power trades



A total of 20 offshore transmission projects selected



# Any questions?



# Thank you

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