

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2011 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-16-2011
Proposed by Council Member Lehman
Introduced by Council Members Lehman, Turner, Olson, Franklin and Johnson
Co-Sponsors _____
Date of Introduction February 15, 2011

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Maryland Offshore Wind Clean Energy Production

3 For the purpose of expressing the support of the Prince George's County Council for the use
4 offshore wind turbines off the coast of Maryland as a means to produce clean energy for the
5 State.

6 WHEREAS, the State of Maryland, under Governor Martin O'Malley, has taken an
7 aggressive effort and plan to increase Maryland's renewable energy usage by use of alternative
8 energy strategies, including solar, biomass and onshore and offshore wind technologies; and

9 WHEREAS, the State's Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) in March 2010 adopted a
10 goal in Maryland's Renewable Energy Portfolio which requires electricity suppliers to increase
11 by 20% the purchase of electricity from renewable sources by 2022; and

12 WHEREAS, MEA in September 2009 issued a Request for Expression of Interest and
13 study to engage business, industry and environmental stakeholders with expertise in the
14 installation and development of offshore wind energy off of Maryland's coast; and

15 WHEREAS, in June 2010 Governor O'Malley announced that the State of Maryland
16 entered into Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Department of the Interior and twelve
17 (12) states in partnership to form the Atlantic Offshore Wind Consortium, to coordinate
18 regionally prominent issues surrounding the development of offshore wind along the Atlantic
19 outer continental shelf; and

20 WHEREAS, on November 10, 2010, the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Ocean
21 Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement was issuing a Request for Interest (RFI),
22 which accepted comments until January 10, 2011, in constructing wind turbines in federal

1 waters of the State of Maryland's Atlantic coast; and

2 WHEREAS, Governor O'Malley in his February 3, 2011 State of State Address expressed
3 his support for *Maryland Offshore Wind Energy Act* to create more renewable energy in
4 Maryland and support the creation of green manufacturing, assembly and servicing jobs on the
5 shore and waters of Maryland; and

6 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council is well aware of the ongoing operational
7 and increasing demand for electrical service in the Maryland and the region and has under taken
8 several legislative initiatives to support efforts to become environmentally efficient and to
9 encourage our citizens to reduce the use of and demand for electrical service; and

10 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County is committed to making its communities more
11 livable by protecting the environment, creating green jobs, and improving the health, safety and
12 welfare of its residents by reducing pollution and increasing energy efficiency;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
14 County, Maryland, that Governor O'Malley is congratulated for this leadership in promoting
15 offshore wind energy development.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince George's County Council encourages
17 Governor O'Malley to continue to work with the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Ocean
18 Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement and our federal partners.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince George's County Council encourages the
20 Maryland General Assembly to consider and pass legislation during the 2011 Session that
21 requires the Public Service Commission to promote offshore wind energy development in the
22 Federal waters off of the coast of Maryland through long-term power purchase contracts that
23 would support such development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that copies of this Resolution be sent by the Clerk of
the Council to Governor Martin O'Malley, Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., and
Speaker of the House Michael E. Busch.

Adopted this 1st day of March, 2011.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Ingrid M. Turner
Chair

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council