

SENATE No. 2010

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc R. Pacheco

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to expand offshore wind development in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>	
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>7/10/2019</i>

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2010) of Marc R. Pacheco and Michelle M. DuBois for legislation to expand offshore wind development in the Commonwealth. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

An Act to expand offshore wind development in the Commonwealth.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department
2 of energy resources shall investigate the necessity, benefits and costs of requiring distribution
3 companies, as defined in section 1 of chapter 164 of the General Laws, to jointly and
4 competitively conduct additional offshore wind generation solicitations and procurements of up
5 to approximately 2,800 megawatts of aggregate nameplate capacity, in addition to the
6 solicitations and procurements required by section 83C of chapter 169 of the acts of 2008, as
7 amended by chapter 188 of the acts of 2016, and section 21 of chapter 227 of the acts 2018 and
8 shall require said additional solicitations and procurements by December 31, 2035; provided,
9 however, that for said solicitations and procurements, as outlined in this section, the department
10 of energy resources may also require distribution companies to jointly and competitively solicit
11 and procure proposals for offshore wind energy transmission sufficient to deliver energy
12 generation procured pursuant to this section from designated wind energy areas for which a
13 federal lease was issued on or after January 1, 2012 that may be developed independent of such

14 offshore wind energy generation; provided further, that such transmission service shall be made
15 available for use by more than 1 wind energy generation project and shall not exceed the
16 generation capacity authorized by this section; provided further, that any selection of offshore
17 wind energy transmission shall be the most cost-effective mechanism for procuring reliable, low-
18 cost offshore wind energy transmission service for ratepayers in the commonwealth.