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Ms. Kris Ohleth  
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Dear Ms. Ohleth:

I write to inform you that DNREC wishes to engage the Special Initiative on Offshore Wind (SIOW) to conduct analysis of market conditions and options for developing offshore wind to serve Delaware. The offshore wind market along the east coast is growing rapidly, and DNREC would like to take advantage of the expertise and market insight that the SIOW can provide.

The Offshore Wind Working Group, in its 2018 Report to the Governor, identified several options for possible future procurement and posed a series of questions for further consideration and analysis. The offshore wind market has progressed to the point where DNREC would like to take a deeper look into these options and questions in light of this progress. More specifically, DNREC would like to work with the SIOW to convene staff and industry experts to conduct analysis of market trends, forward looking prices, supply chain and workforce development opportunities, technical obstacles, and options for the possible procurement of offshore wind to serve Delaware.

Tom Noyes in the Division of Climate, Coastal & Energy will serve as your point of contact for this work. He can be reached via email at [Thomas.Noyes@Delaware.gov](mailto:Thomas.Noyes@Delaware.gov) or by phone at 302-735-3356. At your earliest convenience, DNREC staff would like to meet to discuss particulars, including drafting an appropriate memorandum of understanding to guide this work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shawn M. Garvin'.

Shawn M. Garvin  
Secretary

cc: Professor Willett Kempton, UD College of Earth, Ocean, and Environment  
Senator Stephanie Hansen  
Representative Debra Heffernan  
Representative William Bush