GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION

In Re: Ocean Offshore Energy, LLC Application For Certification as a Qualified Facility

PSC Docket No. 616 Order No. 47/2013

ORDER

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2013, the Virgin Islands Public Services Commission (hereinafter "the Commission" or "PSC") received an application from Ocean Offshore Energy, LLC (hereinafter "Ocean Offshore") requesting certification as a Qualified Facility; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2013, the Commission received a report and recommendations from its technical consultants, Georgetown Consulting Group, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2013, the Commission held a regular meeting at both offices on St. Thomas and St. Croix; and

WHEREAS, the Commission heard from witnesses, testifiers, and its technical consultants; and

WHEREAS, the Commission reviewed the application and deemed it complete and in compliance with the Virgin Islands Code and the implementing regulations of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission voted to approve Ocean Offshore's application and require that no later than one year the Applicant must return and demonstrate sufficient progress towards completion of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Commission decided to establish an "avoided cost" rate docket and direct staff to return with recommendations for the appointment of a hearing examiner;

NOW THEREFORE, the Commission finds and orders:

- 1. That the application of Ocean Offshore for certification as a qualified facility be **APPROVED**.
- 2. That no later than one year the Applicant must return and demonstrate sufficient progress towards completion of the project.

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- 3. That an avoided cost rate docket be established.
- 4. Staff is directed to return with recommendations for the appointment of a hearing examiner.

M. Thomas Jackson, Chair

So Ordered.

For the Commission

Dated: July <u>24</u>, 2013