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Re: CZM Coastal Zone Management Act Federal Consistency Review of the Revolution Wind Farm (RWWF) - Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) Action and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers USACE) Permit; Massachusetts 15 C.F.R. Part 930, Subpart E – Consistency for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Exploration, Development and Production Activities and Subpart D – Consistency for Activities Requiring a Federal License or Permit

Dear Ms. Eakin:

The Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) has completed its review of the proposed project to build, operate, and decommission a 704 to 880 MW offshore wind energy facility with 79 wind turbine locations for installation of up to 65 wind turbine generators (WTGs, turbines), submarine cables between the WTGs (inter-array cables), two offshore substations (OSS), all of which will be located within federal waters on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), specifically in BOEM Renewable Energy Lease Area OCS-A 0486 (Lease Area). The lease area is approximately 18 statute miles (mi) (15 nautical miles [nm]) southeast of Point Judith, Rhode Island, approximately 15 mi (13 nm) east of Block Island, Rhode Island, approximately 8.5 mi (7.5 nm) south of Nomans Land Island National Wildlife Refuge (uninhabited island), and between approximately 12 to 14 mi (10 to 12.5 nm) south/southwest of varying points of the Rhode Island and Massachusetts coastlines. RWWF also includes Operations & Maintenance facilities that will be located onshore at the Port of Davisville-Quonset Point in North Kingstown, Rhode Island, Setauket-East Setauket, New York, and the Port of Montauk in East Hampton, New York. Up to two Revolution Wind Export Cables (RWEC), co-located within a single corridor through both federal waters and state waters of Rhode Island, consisting of alternating current (AC) electric cables, will connect the RWWF to the existing mainland electric grid at the Davisville, Rhode Island substation in North Kingstown, Rhode Island. The RWEC includes both offshore and onshore segments. The submarine segment of the export cable is proposed to be buried beneath the seabed within both federal waters on the OCS and Rhode Island state waters.

To inform the federal consistency review, CZM reviewed the Construction and Operations Plan, Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), and the Preliminary Final Environmental Impact Statement (PFEIS) developed under the National Environmental Policy Act; and, under the Coastal Zone Management Act, the federal consistency certification, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Clean Water Act Section 404/Section 10 permit application, and lease/easement/right-of-way application to BOEM under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act. Throughout the state and federal view process, CZM received the data and information necessary to make a consistency determination. As a designated cooperating agency, CZM will continue to review and comment on future BOEM submissions for the RWWF including the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), scheduled for release in June 2023.



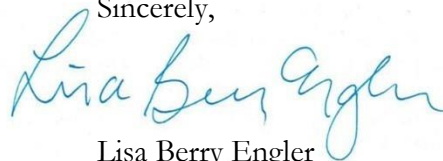
In addition to the documents reviewed above, the RWWF fisheries impact analysis acknowledged the need for mitigation to impacted fishermen to meet the CZM's enforceable policy under Ports and Harbors Policy #4. Because CZM cannot require monetary compensation for mitigation as part of CZMA federal consistency CZM could not object for failure to pay a compensation amount or include a condition that an applicant must pay a compensation amount. However, CZM and Revolution Wind, LLC can mutually agree upon a monetary compensation package to meet the applicable enforceable policies. As a result of extensive mitigation negotiations conducted between CZM, the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, the EEA Fisheries Working Group on Offshore Wind ("FWG"), key stakeholders, and Revolution Wind, LLC, Revolution Wind, LLC has entered into an agreement with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) to provide funds totaling \$7,325,000 for impacts over the life of the project. The agreement includes the Massachusetts Fisheries Direct Compensation Program, the Coastal Community Fund, and the Navigation Enhancement and Training Program. The Massachusetts Fisheries Direct Compensation Program (\$6,425,000 net present value (NPV)) will be used to offset economic impacts to Massachusetts commercial and charter/for-hire fishing and is intended for claims of direct economic loss to compensate Massachusetts fishermen for loss of access or reduction of harvest. The Coastal Community Fund (\$400,000 NPV) will provide funding for initiatives, research, and projects that will support the co-existence of the fishing and wind sectors in the offshore environment. The Navigation Enhancement and Training Program (\$500,000) will support upgrades to navigation equipment, professional training opportunities, experiential learning, and other initiatives to further a positive co-existence of the fishing and offshore wind industries. The Agreement Regarding the Establishment and Funding of the Massachusetts Fisheries Direct Compensation Program and Coastal Community Fund and Navigation Enhancement and Training Program is attached.

Based on CZM's review, all aspects of the project, including those project elements located in federal waters, and the project's effects on resources and uses in the Massachusetts coastal zone, CZM concurs with the certification that the activity as proposed is consistent with the CZM enforceable program policies.

If the above-referenced project is modified in any manner, including any changes resulting from permit, license, or certification revisions, including those ensuing from an appeal, or the project is noted to be having effects on coastal resources or uses that are different than originally proposed, it is incumbent upon the proponent to notify CZM, submit an explanation of the nature of the change pursuant to 15 CFR 930, and submit modified state permits, licenses, or certifications. CZM will use this information to determine if further federal consistency review is required.

Thank you for your cooperation with CZM.

Sincerely,



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