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Vineyard Wind Project
c/o Rachel Pachter, Chief Development
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Re: CZM Federal Consistency Review of the Vineyard Wind Project – Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Action, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Action.

Dear Ms. Pachter:

The Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) has completed its review of the proposed project to build, operate, and decommission an ~800 megawatt (MW) wind energy project within the Bureau of Ocean and Energy Management (BOEM) Lease Area OCS-A 0501. The project consists of offshore Wind Turbine Generators (WTGs) (each placed on a foundation support structure), Electrical Service Platforms (ESPs), an onshore substation, offshore and onshore cabling, and onshore operations & maintenance facilities. The project will be located in the northern portion of the over 675 square kilometers (km²) (166,886 acre) Lease Area (referred to as the Wind Development Area or WDA), approximately 14 miles south of Martha's Vineyard.

To inform our federal consistency review, CZM reviewed the Environmental Notification Form (ENF), Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Report (SDEIR), and Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) developed pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act; the Construction and Operations Plan, Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), and the Preliminary Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) developed pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act; and, pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act, the federal consistency certification, applicable state permits/licenses, 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. Over the course of the state and federal review process, CZM has received the data and information necessary to make a consistency determination. In our role as a designated cooperating agency, CZM will continue to review and comment on future BOEM submissions including the SEIS and the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), scheduled for release later in 2020.

In addition to the above-referenced necessary data and information, Vineyard Wind, with the oversight of CZM and input from key stakeholders has developed the Massachusetts Fisheries Compensatory Mitigation Plan (the "Plan"). Pursuant to the Plan, Vineyard Wind has entered into an agreement with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) to establish two funds totaling \$20,935,016 over the life of the project. The agreement outlines two funds: the Compensatory Mitigation Fund and the Fisheries Innovation Fund. The Compensatory Mitigation Fund (\$19,185,016) will be used to offset potential direct, indirect, and cumulative economic impacts to Massachusetts fishing businesses and the Fisheries Innovation Fund (\$1,750,000) will facilitate innovation



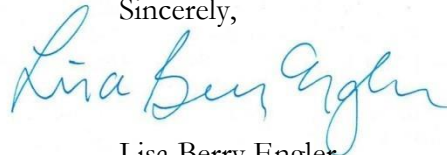
that supports the co-existence of the fishing and wind sectors in the offshore environment. The Memorandum of Agreement regarding these funds is attached.

Based on our 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, we concur 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 any 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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Director

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