

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

**NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING  
D.P.U. 21-08**

Vineyard Wind 1 LLC

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 3, Vineyard Wind 1 LLC (“Vineyard Wind” or “Company”), located at 700 Pleasant Street, Suite 510, New Bedford, MA 02740, has filed with the Department of Public Utilities (the “Department”) a petition seeking individual and comprehensive zoning exemptions from the operation of the *Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Barnstable, Massachusetts* (the “Zoning Petition”).

The zoning exemptions are requested in connection with Vineyard Wind’s proposal to use an additional 2.2 acres of land located at 40 Communications Way in the Town of Barnstable for the construction and operation of the substation that the Energy Facilities Siting Board (“Siting Board”) approved previously as part of the “Vineyard Wind Connector” by a Final Decision issued on May 10, 2019 in EFSB 17-05/D.P.U. 18-18/18-19 (the “Final Decision”). In the Final Decision, the Siting Board approved construction and operation of a substation located on approximately 6.35 acres in the eastern portion of the 13.1-acre parcel at 40 Communications Way, on which a former Cape Cod Times building is located. On November 3, 2020, the Siting Board approved the proposed 2.2-acre expansion, finding that it “will not alter in any substantive way either the assumptions or conclusions reached in” the Siting Board’s analysis of impacts in the Final Decision. In the Zoning Petition, Vineyard Wind seeks zoning exemptions for the additional 2.2 acres of the 13.1-acre parcel located immediately to the west of the previously approved 6.35 acres. Vineyard Wind intends to construct and operate the expanded substation on the combined approximately 8.55 acres. Vineyard Wind’s proposed use of the additional 2.2 acres for this purpose constitutes the “Substation Expansion” for the purposes of the Zoning Petition.

The Zoning Petition has been docketed as D.P.U. 21-08. The Department will review the Petition to determine whether the zoning exemptions should be granted, and if the proposed use of the land or structures is reasonably necessary for the convenience or welfare of the public, pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 3.

**Due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency, the Department will conduct a remote public comment hearing using Zoom videoconferencing regarding the Project at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 15, 2021. Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/91598985872> from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only participation, attendees can dial in at 1 646 558 8656 (not toll free) and then enter the Meeting ID# 915-9898-5872.**

If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public comment hearing, please send an email to [geneen.bartley@mass.gov](mailto:geneen.bartley@mass.gov) with your name, email address, and mailing address by **Wednesday, April 14, 2021**. If you anticipate commenting by telephone, please leave a

voicemail message at (617) 305-3529 with your name, telephone number, and mailing address by **Wednesday, April 14, 2021**.

At the remote public comment hearing, Vineyard Wind will present an overview of the proposed Substation Expansion. Public officials and members of the public will then have an opportunity to ask questions and make comments about the proposed Substation Expansion. The public comment hearing will be transcribed by a court reporter. The public may also file written comments; please see “Filing Instructions” at the end of this Notice. Written comments will be accepted on the Substation Expansion until 5:00 p.m. on **Thursday, April 29, 2021**.

### **Substation Expansion Description**

The 2.2 acre Substation Expansion includes an area currently occupied by paved parking and circulation roads, a portion of the former Cape Cod Times building, and a wooded area along Independence Drive. The Substation Expansion is bounded to the east by the area previously approved for a substation, to the north by the existing Barnstable Switching Station, to the west by the remainder of the 40 Communications Way parcel (which includes the remainder of the former Cape Cod Times building and additional parking area), and to the south by Independence Drive. Vineyard Wind proposes to use the 2.2-acre Substation Expansion together with the adjacent 6.35 acres for the construction and operation of a substation. Vineyard Wind proposes to construct and operate two synchronous condensers with enclosures, two 270 MVA transformers, associated outdoor cooling fan decks, and associated equipment on the 2.2-acre Substation Expansion site. The Substation Expansion would be a component of the Vineyard Wind Connector, which was approved in the Final Decision and includes offshore and onshore transmission facilities to interconnect an offshore wind turbine array in federal waters to the New England grid. **A figure showing the Substation Expansion is provided at the end of this Notice.**

### **Public Review of the Company’s Petition**

Electronic copies of Vineyard Wind’s Zoning Petition and attachments have been filed with the Town of Barnstable. Copies of the Zoning Petition and all attachments are available for public inspection in electronic format at the following locations:

- Department of Public Utilities’ website at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber/21-08>
- Vineyard Wind’s website at: <https://www.vineyardwind.com/vineyard-wind-1>, and click “Documents” then “State Permitting” then “Department of Public Utilities (DPU)”

To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, or audio format) for persons with disabilities contact the Department’s ADA coordinator at [Melixza.Esenye2@mass.gov](mailto:Melixza.Esenye2@mass.gov).

### **Intervention and Participation**

Persons or groups who wish to be involved in the Department proceeding beyond providing comments at the public comment hearing or submitting written comments may seek either to

intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant. Intervention as a party allows the person or group to participate fully in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding, including the right to participate in evidentiary hearings, and grants the right to appeal a final order. A limited participant would receive documents that will be submitted to the Department and may present written argument to the Department after evidentiary hearings conclude but is not permitted to actively participate in the evidentiary phase of the proceeding and does not have the right to appeal the final order.

Any person wishing to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant in this proceeding must file a written petition with the Hearing Officer. A petition to intervene or a petition to participate as a limited participant must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 1.03(1). To be allowed, a petition to intervene filed pursuant to 220 CMR 1.03(1) must demonstrate that the petitioner may be substantially and specifically affected by this proceeding. For additional information, see <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/file-a-petition-to-intervene-in-an-efsb-or-dpu-siting-case>.

### **Filing Instructions**

Written comments on the Company's Substation Expansion, or a petition to intervene or participate as a limited participant in this proceeding, must be filed as follows:

All comments and petitions must be filed with the Department in electronic format by e-mail or email attachment to [dpu.efiling@mass.gov](mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov); [geneen.bartley@mass.gov](mailto:geneen.bartley@mass.gov); and [robert.j.shea@mass.gov](mailto:robert.j.shea@mass.gov) no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Thursday, April 29, 2021**. The commenter or petitioner must retain a hard copy of the comment or petition and send said hard copy to the Department if and when requested. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 21-08); (2) the name of the person or entity submitting the filing; and (3) a brief description of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing.

In addition, all comments and petitions must be sent electronically to counsel for Vineyard Wind, Adam P. Kahn, Esq. and Zachary Gerson, Esq., Foley Hoag LLP, at [akahn@foleyhoag.com](mailto:akahn@foleyhoag.com) and [zgerson@foleyhoag.com](mailto:zgerson@foleyhoag.com).

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need, including as much detail as you can. Also include a way the Department can contact you if we need more information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible. Last minute requests may not be able to be accommodated. Contact the Department's ADA coordinator at [Melixza.Esenyie2@mass.gov](mailto:Melixza.Esenyie2@mass.gov).

Interpretation services for those with limited English language proficiency are available upon request. Include in your request the language required, and a way to contact you if the Hearing Officer needs more information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible. Last minute requests may not be able to be accommodated.

Esta é uma Notificação importante sobre a proposta de um projeto de energia principalmente na cidade de Barnstable. Para receber estas informações em português, por favor visite <https://fileservice.eea.comacloud.net/FileService.Api/file/FileRoom/13298460> .

Any person desiring further information regarding this Notice, including information regarding intervention or participation in the proceeding, may also contact the Hearing Officer at the telephone number or email address:

Robert J. Shea, Esq., Hearing Officer  
Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities  
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**Figure 1 – Proposed Substation Site and Expansion**

