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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

(Re-Notice 03-20-2013)

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In accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of the "Administrative Procedures Act", (Chapter 42-35 et. seq. of the General Laws of Rhode Island), and the Rules and Regulations of the Coastal Resources Management Council, a hearing will be held on the petition of:

Deepwater Wind Block Island, LLC
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relative to Title 46, Chapter 23, of Section 6 A, B, C, D, E, Title 46 Chapter 23 Section 18(b), Title 46, Chapter 6, Section 1, Title 46, Chapter 6, Section 2 of the Rhode Island General Laws of 1956, as amended, for a State of Rhode Island Assent to:

Construct and maintain the Block Island Wind Farm (BIWF), a 30-megawatt (MW) offshore wind farm located in Rhode Island state territorial waters. The BIWF will consist of five 6-MW wind turbine generators (WTGs), a submarine cable interconnecting the five WTGs, and a 34.5-kilovolt (kV) submarine transmission cable from the northernmost WTG to an interconnection point on east-central Block Island where the cable will go ashore to a new substation built at the existing Block Island Power Company (BIPCO) property. In connection with the BIWF, Deepwater Wind Block Island Transmission, LLC proposes to construct the Block Island Transmission System (BITS), a 34.5-kV alternating current bi-directional submarine transmission cable from Block Island to the Rhode Island mainland. The proposed BIWF and BITS facilities are shown in the plans attached plans. This project requires a special exception since the Narragansett substation that is proposed is proposed on a pre-existing lot in Lands of Critical Concern which can meet the 200' buffer requirement. This project also requires a special exception for the cable landfall locations which are in Type 1 waters at moderately developed barrier beaches.

The hearing will be held before the Ocean Special Area Management Plan Subcommittee at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 5, 2013 in the Council Chambers of the Narragansett Town Hall, 25 Fifth Avenue, Narragansett, RI.

NOTE: The only matters that will be discussed at the hearing are those items on the attached agenda for the Ocean SAMP Subcommittee for Friday, April 5, 2013

Parties interested in/or concerned with the above mentioned matter are invited to be present and/or represented by counsel at the above mentioned time and place. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Council office at 783-3370 48 hours in advance of the hearing date.

Plans of the proposed work may be seen in the office of the Coastal Resources Management Council, Oliver H. Stedman Government Center, 4808 Tower Hill Road, Wakefield, Rhode Island, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Oral statements will be heard and recorded and statements may be submitted to the hearing officers at the time of hearing.

Signed this 14th day of March, 2013.

Grover J. Fugate, Executive Director Coastal Resources Management Council

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