

August 18, 2023

Coastal Resources Management Council
State of Rhode Island Administration Building, Conference Room A
One Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Matter: Sunrise Wind Farm Project-94 Wind Turbine Generators
Address: Federal Waters; BOEM Lease Area OCS-0487

Dear Honorable Members of the Coastal Resources Management Council,

BuildRI is a domestic non-profit trade association comprised of four (4) contractor associations (the Labor Relations Division of the RI Chapter of the Associated General Contractors, the New England Mechanical Contractors' Ass'n, the RI Mason Contractors' Ass'n, and the RI and Southeast MA Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors' Ass'n), and seventeen (17) Local Trade Unions comprised of approximately 10,000 local tradesmen and women. On behalf of our organization, I write to urge your office to approve the proposed Sunrise Wind Farm Project.

Climate change is the global crisis of our time. While it is a crisis, it is also an opportunity to create new economic opportunities while making the transition to renewable energy. I strongly believe that Americans should not have to choose between a good job and a clean environment—we can and must have both.

Addressing this crisis through offshore wind renewable energy started right here in Rhode Island with the five (5) turbines located off the coast of Block Island that were constructed by the Rhode Island building trades. Further offshore wind utility development, like the proposed Sunrise Wind Farm Project will allow this needed transition to renewable energy to continue. It will not only help reduce our massive carbon footprint but will create a tremendous amount of economic opportunity in the form of good paying middle class jobs and careers, as well as many new opportunities for local businesses.

Accordingly, I write to voice our organization's strong support for the proposed Sunrise Wind Farm Project and urge CRMC to approve and move forward with the permitting approval process forthwith because this project will not only provide a transition to renewable energy, but it will also create many new local business opportunities and hundreds of good paying local union jobs. Thank you for your time and attention to this correspondence. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Gregory A. Mancini
Executive Director/
General Counsel



