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Providence – Davisville – New Bedford

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Coastal Resources Management Council
Stedman Government Center
4808 Tower Hill Road
Wakefield, R.I. 02879

ATTN: Jeffrey Willis, CRMC Executive Director
RE: Sunrise Wind, LLC, CRMC File 2021-09-036

To the members of the Coastal Resources Management Council:

I write today to voice my strong support for Ørsted and Eversource's proposed Sunrise Wind project, an approximately 924-megawatt offshore wind farm with the potential capacity to power nearly 600,000 homes. This proposal is coming from well-established, experienced leaders in the global offshore wind industry – two companies who have consistently proven to deliver on their promises of creating jobs and economic activity.

While the Sunrise Wind project will ultimately be located off the coast of Montauk in New York, it represents a critical opportunity for Rhode Island to leverage its offshore wind supply chain in a way that builds on our well-earned, national leadership in this growing sector.

Our team at Waterson Terminal Services is proud to serve as the exclusive port operator at the Port of Providence (ProvPort), a facility that has evolved over the last decade into the nation's busiest and most capable hub for offshore wind activity. By providing offshore wind component marshaling, pre-assembly, cable services, stevedoring, and other support services while working on the Block Island Wind Farm and Ørsted and Eversource's South Fork and Revolution Wind projects, the Rhode Islanders working at ProvPort have acquired a set of specialized, highly valuable skills that will be in high demand as this industry continues to grow.

The offshore wind industry has come a long way since the Block Island Wind Farm – America's first operational offshore wind farm – started spinning about seven years ago. The continued success of this industry will allow Rhode Island and its neighboring states in the Northeast to meet or exceed their ambitious clean energy goals, all while creating long-term, well-paying jobs for our skilled workforce.

We've worked hard to build momentum in the offshore wind space for more than a decade, and the Sunrise Wind project will allow our team at ProvPort and our locally based colleagues across the supply chain to keep that momentum going. We're ready to get to work and continue to play our role in building a cleaner, more sustainable energy future here in Rhode Island and beyond.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Waterson
General Manager
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