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## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

CRMC File No.: 2012-09-065 Date: January 13, 2014

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 Attn: Aileen Kenney 56 Exchange Terrace, Suite 101 Providence, RI 02903

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:

Deepwater Wind Block Island, LLC proposes 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 at Scarborough Beach. This project also requires Special Exceptions for the cable landfall locations which are in Type 1 waters.

The hearing will be held before the In The Matter of the Deepwater Wind, LLC (2012-09-065) -- OCEAN SAMP Subcommittee at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 in the Corless Auditorium, URI Bay Campus, South Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI.

Parties interested in/or concerned with the above mentioned matter are invited to be present 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.

In coordination with the office of the Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission, the project's effects on cultural resources are being considered as part of this permitting process. The goal is to ensure that those interested in the effects on cultural resources are aware that the permit hearing will provide them with an opportunity to comment.

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 Subcommittee at the time of hearing.

Signed this 13th day of January, 2014.

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