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## AMENDED AGREEMENT TO STAY SIX-MONTH REVIEW PERIOD Between

## **Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council**

And

South Fork Wind, LLC

The Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council, hereinafter referred to as the "CRMC," and South Fork Wind<sup>1</sup>, LLC, hereinafter referred to as "South Fork," hereby agree as follows.

Pursuant to 15 CFR § 930.76, South Fork filed a federal consistency certification with the CRMC on October 22, 2018 for the proposed construction and operation of a wind energy project, known as South Fork Wind, consisting of up to 15 wind turbine generators with one offshore substation, and an export cable that will make landfall on Long Island, NY, that will be located in offshore waters east-southeast of Block Island within BOEM Lease Area OCS-A 0517<sup>2</sup>. The proposed project is subject to CRMC review pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA), 16 U.S.C. § 1451 *et seq.*, and the CZMA's implementing regulations at 15 C.F.R. part 930 subpart E – Consistency for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Exploration, Development and Production Activities.

The most recent stay agreement between South Fork and the CRMC was executed on April 23, 2021 and it provided for the State's CZMA consistency decision date on or before June 1, 2021. In the interim, the CRMC has been evaluating additional information submitted by

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> South Fork, LLC is a subsidiary of Ørsted U.S. Offshore Wind. The South Fork Wind Farm project is a 50/50 joint venture between Ørsted and Eversource.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In January 2020, Deepwater Wind New England, LLC requested that BOEM assign a portion of Lease Area OCS-A 0486 to DWSF. BOEM approved the assignment on March 23, 2020 with the new lease number OCS-A 0517 consisting of 13,700 acres.

South Fork and there have been continued negotiations of a mitigation agreement pursuant to 650-RICR-20-05-11.10.1(H). Therefore, additional review time is warranted to consider new information and complete mitigation negotiations as required under the CRMC's enforceable policies.

In accordance with 15 CFR § 930.60(b), and in consideration of the parties' mutual interest that the State have additional time to fully assess the proposed project's consistency with the State's enforceable policies, the CRMC and South Fork mutually agree to the following dates and to stay the CRMC CZMA six-month review period as specified herein.

•	Date the CRMC 6-month review period commenced:	October 22, 2018
•	Date the 6-month review period was to end:	May 12, 2021
•	Date during the 6-month review period that the stay begins:	May 25, 2021
•	Date that the stay ends:	June 15, 2021
	(7 days remaining in the 6-month review period)	
•	Date the 6-month review period ends and	
	the CRMC consistency decision is due:	June 22, 2021

The CRMC will issue its consistency decision on or before **June 22, 2021** unless South Fork and CRMC mutually agree in writing to another later date. Furthermore, should the CRMC conclude its CZMA review earlier than anticipated by this agreement, then the CRMC will issue its consistency decision at the earliest possible time prior to June 22, 2021.

CRMC-Deepwater Wind 8th Amended Stay Agreement

This agreement made and entered by:

Jeffrey M. Willis Executive Director, CRMC

South Fork Wind, LLC By its agent, Ørsted Wind Power North America LLC

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Ørsted Authorized Person

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Robert Mastria Ørsted Authorized Person

cc BOEM NOAA OCM CRMC Council members

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