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Re: South Fork Wind, LLC; Docket No. BOEM-2018-0010
CRMC File 2018-10-082

Dear Ms. Lefton and Mr. Bennett,

Pursuant to 15 CFR § 930.76, South Fork Wind, LLC, formerly known as Deepwater Wind South Fork, LLC, on October 22, 2018 filed with the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (“CRMC”) a federal consistency certification and a copy of their Construction and Operation Plan (“COP”) for the proposed construction and operation of the South Fork Wind energy project (“SFW”). The SFW project consists of up to fifteen (15) wind turbine generators, one (1) offshore substation and an export cable (“SFEC”) that will make landfall on Long Island, NY. The SFW project will be located in federal offshore waters approximately 13 miles east-southeast of Block Island within BOEM Lease Area OCS-A 0517¹ (formerly part of OCS-A 0486) and within the CRMC’s 2011 Geographic Location Description.

The proposed SFW project is subject to CRMC federal consistency 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.

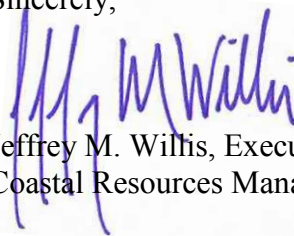
¹ In January 2020, Deepwater Wind New England, LLC requested that BOEM assign a portion of Lease Area OCS-A 0486 to Deepwater Wind South Fork, LLC. BOEM approved the assignment on March 23, 2020 with the new lease number OCS-A 0517 consisting of 13,700 acres.

CRMC and South Fork are presently memorializing an agreement related to the mitigation pursuant to CRMC enforceable policy, which mitigation was agreed to by South Fork and approved by the CRMC. Therefore, additional time is warranted to complete this agreement. Accordingly, the CRMC and South Fork Wind, LLC have mutually agreed to further stay the CRMC six-month federal consistency review period pursuant to the attached amended stay agreement executed today, June 17, 2021. **The CRMC federal consistency decision date in this matter is now due no later than July 2, 2021.**

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) of this agreement as required by 15 CFR § 930.60(b). In addition, the CRMC requests BOEM not to issue a license or permit to South Fork Wind, LLC until the requirements of 15 CFR part 930 subpart E have been satisfied. The CRMC will promptly notify BOEM when it issues a federal consistency decision in this matter.

Please contact me at 401-783-3370 or email jwillis@crmc.ri.gov should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey M. Willis, Executive Director
Coastal Resources Management Council

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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, 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 0517¹. 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 May 25, 2021 and it provided for the State’s CZMA consistency decision date on or before June 22, 2021. In the interim, the CRMC has approved a conditional concurrence for South Fork. CRMC and South Fork are now memorializing the agreement related to the mitigation, which

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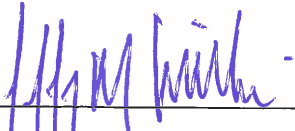
mitigation was agreed to by South Fork and approved by the CRMC. Therefore, additional time is warranted to complete this work.

In accordance with 15 CFR § 930.60(b), and in consideration of the parties' mutual interest to have this additional time, 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: June 22, 2021
- Date during the 6-month review period that the stay begins: June 17, 2021
- Date that the stay ends: June 27, 2021
(5 days remaining in the 6-month review period)
- Date the 6-month review period ends and the CRMC consistency decision is due: July 2, 2021

The CRMC will issue its consistency decision on or before **July 2, 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 July 2, 2021.

This agreement made and entered by:

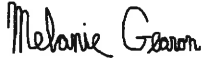


Jeffrey M. Willis
Executive Director, CRMC

17 JUNE 2021

Date

South Fork Wind, LLC




Melanie Gearon
Authorized Person

6/17/21

Date

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Robert Mastria
Authorized Person

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Date

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