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# THIRD AGREEMENT TO STAY SIX-MONTH REVIEW PERIOD

### **Between**

# Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council And Park City Wind LLC

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

Pursuant to 15 CFR § 930.76, Park City Wind filed a Federal Consistency Certification with the CRMC on May 17, 2022, for the proposed New England Wind project consisting of offshore renewable wind energy facilities in Lease Area OCS-A 0534 and potentially a portion of Lease Area OCS-A 0501. The collective area is referred to as the Southern Wind Development Area (SWDA) and is located within Rhode Island's 2011 and 2018 GLDs. The New England Wind project will be developed in two Phases, Phase 1 (Park City Wind) and Phase 2 (Commonwealth Wind), with a maximum of 130 wind turbine generators (WTGs) and electrical service platforms (ESPs) and four to five submerged renewable energy offshore export cables. All export cables are planned to be installed within a shared offshore export cable corridor (OECC) that will travel from the northwestern corner of Lease Area OCS-A 0501 and head northward along the eastern side of Muskeget Channel toward landfall sites in the Town of Barnstable. Park City Wind has also proposed the South Coast Variant (SCV) cable corridor as an alternate cable route to be used if one or more Phase 2 export cables need to interconnect at a second grid interconnection point. The SCV would diverge from the OECC and travel west-

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Park City Wind LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Avangrid Renewables LLC. Park City Wind LLC is the Proponent of the New England Wind project and is responsible for the construction, operation, and decommissioning of the New England Wind project.

northwest through federal waters, and Rhode Island's 2011 and 2018 GLDs, to Massachusetts state waters boundary near Buzzards Bay. The SCV does not enter Rhode Island state waters.

The New England Wind project has been assigned CRMC File 2022-05-067 and is identified in the Federal docket as BOEM-2021-0047. The proposed WTGs and OSPs will be installed within BOEM Lease Area OCS-A 0534, located just over 20 miles from the southwest corner of Martha's Vineyard and approximately 24 miles from Nantucket. Lease Area OCS-A 0534, a small portion of the OECC, and the SCV export cable corridor are listed activities of the Rhode Island 2011 and 2018 GLD, and therefore subject to CRMC Federal Consistency review pursuant to Section 307 of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA), and the CZMA's implementing regulations at 15 C.F.R. Part 930, Subpart E.

The CRMC's CZMA six-month review period for the New England Wind project began on August 5, 2022.<sup>2</sup> BOEM issued the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on or about December 23, 2022, and the CRMC continues to review the information contained in in the DEIS as well as the project's Construction and Operation Plan materials. This third stay agreement is necessary to allow the CRMC the appropriate time to complete its review of the New England Wind project given the unprecedented number and schedule of offshore wind projects under review.

In accordance with 15 CFR § 930.60(b), and in consideration of the Parties' mutual interest that the State have sufficient time to fully assess the consistency of the proposed New England Wind project with the State's enforceable policies, the CRMC and Park City Wind mutually agree to the following dates and to stay the CRMC CZMA six-month review period as follows:

## **First Stay:**

Date the CRMC 6-month review period commenced:

Date the 6-month review period was to end:
Date during the 6-month review period that the stay begins:
Date that the stay ends:

Date that the stay ends:

March 28, 2023

(146 days remaining in the 6-month review period)

• Date the 6-month review period ends and the CRMC consistency decision is due:

August 15, 2023

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The CRMC notified BOEM and Park City Wind in a letter dated August 15, 2022 that commencement of the CRMC CZMA federal consistency review for the New England Wind project began on August 5, 2022.

# **Second Stay:**

•	Date the first stay ended:	March 28, 2023
•	Date the second stay begins:	May 10, 2023
•	Date the second stay ends:	May 28, 2023
	(103 days remaining in the 6-month review period)	

• Date the 6-month review period is to end and the CRMC consistency decision is due:

September 8, 2023

# **Third Stay:**

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•	Date the second stay ended:	May 28, 2023	
•	Date the third stay begins:	June 23, 2023	
•	Date the third stay ends:	July 28, 2023	
	(77 days remaining in the 6-month review period)		
•	Date the 6-month review period is to end and		
	the CRMC consistency decision is due:	October 13, 2023	

Pursuant to 15 C.F.R. §§ 930.60, 930.62 and 930.78, the CRMC will issue its federal consistency decision on or before **October 13, 2023**, unless Park City Wind and CRMC mutually agree in writing to a later date. Furthermore, should the CRMC conclude its CZMA review earlier than anticipated by this agreement, then the CRMC will issue its federal consistency decision at the earliest possible time prior to October 13, 2023.

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