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AGREEMENT TO STAY SIX-MONTH REVIEW PERIOD

Between

Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council

And

Revolution Wind, LLC

The Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council, hereinafter referred to as the “CRMC,” and Revolution Wind¹, LLC, hereinafter referred to as “Revolution Wind,” hereby agree as follows.

Pursuant to 15 CFR § 930.76, Revolution Wind filed a federal consistency certification with the CRMC on June 7, 2021 for the proposed construction and operation of a wind energy project on the outer continental shelf (OCS), known as Revolution Wind, consisting of up to 100 wind turbine generators and an export cable that will enter Rhode Island state waters and make landfall at North Kingstown, RI. The Revolution Wind project has been assigned CRMC File 2021-06-029 and is identified on the Federal docket as BOEM-2021-0029. The proposed wind turbine generators will be located within BOEM Lease Area OCS-A 0486 and approximately 16 nautical miles southeast of Point Judith, Narragansett, Rhode Island. The proposed project is 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 – Consistency for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Exploration, Development and Production Activities.

¹ Revolution Wind, LLC is a 50/50 joint venture between Ørsted and Eversource Investment LLC.

The CRMC’s CZMA six-month review period for the Revolution Wind project began on August 6, 2021². The CRMC issued its 3-month letter to Revolution Wind on October 21, 2021 pursuant to the requirements of 15 C.F.R. § 930.78(a). In that letter the CRMC detailed specific information requirements that Revolution Wind has been requested to provide to the CRMC in order to complete the CRMC’s federal consistency review pursuant to its enforceable policies. Revolution Wind wants to confer with CRMC about the information that it seeks in the 3-month letter issued pursuant to 15 C.F.R. § 930.78(a). Revolution Wind identifies within its COP at Section 1.4.1.2 that the CRMC federal consistency decision for the project is anticipated between Q1 and Q3 2023. In addition, BOEM anticipates issuing a Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on or about July 1, 2022, and the CRMC expects that there will be considerable information that will be valuable to its decision making process within the DEIS, including the range of expected project alternatives. And, CRMC’s review of the DEIS is supported by BOEM’s statement within the DEIS for the South Fork Wind project (BOEM Docket 2020–0066) in that “Cooperating agencies would rely on the DEIS to support their decision making and to determine if the analysis is sufficient to support their decision” (Emphasis added). *See* DEIS at i. State CZMA agencies are cooperating agencies under the BOEM renewable energy NEPA process.

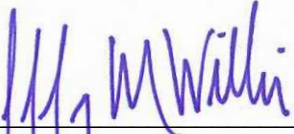
In accordance with 15 CFR § 930.60(b), and in consideration of the parties’ mutual interest that the State have additional time to fully assess the proposed project’s consistency with the State’s enforceable policies, the CRMC and Revolution Wind mutually agree to the following dates and to stay the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

- Date the CRMC 6-month review period commenced: August 6, 2021
- Date the 6-month review period was to end: February 6, 2022
- Date during the 6-month review period that the stay begins: October 29, 2021
- Date that the stay ends: September 17, 2022
(96 days remaining in the 6-month review period)
- Date the 6-month review period ends and the CRMC consistency decision is due: December 21, 2022

² The CRMC notified BOEM and Revolution Wind in a letter dated August 18, 2021 that commencement of the CRMC CZMA consistency review for the Revolution Wind project began on August 6, 2021.

The CRMC will issue its federal consistency decision on or before **December 21, 2022** unless Revolution Wind 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 federal consistency decision at the earliest possible time prior to December 21, 2022.


This agreement made and entered by:



Jeffrey M. Willis
Executive Director, CRMC

October 28, 2021
Date

North East Offshore, LLC
by its agent,
Ørsted Wind Power North America LLC



Francis Slingsby, Authorized Person

October 28, 2021
Date



Kellen Ingalls, Authorized Person

October 28, 2021
Date

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