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Re: **Revolution Wind, LLC**; Docket No. BOEM-2021-0029
CRMC File 2021-06-029

Dear Director Klein and Mr. Bennett,

Pursuant to 15 C.F.R. § 930.76, Revolution Wind, LLC on June 7, 2021 filed with the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (“CRMC”) a federal consistency certification for the proposed construction and operation of the Revolution Wind offshore wind renewable energy project consisting of up to one hundred (100) wind turbines located in federal waters on the Outer Continental Shelf (“OCS”) approximately 13 nautical miles east of Block Island, RI within BOEM Lease Area OCS-A 0486¹. The Revolution Wind project also includes up to two offshore substations, an inter-array submarine cable network and two submarine export cables co-located within a single corridor to be installed within federal and Rhode Island state waters with a landfall location planned at the Quonset Point Business Park in North Kingston, RI via the West Passage of Narragansett Bay. The Revolution Wind project will deliver 704 megawatts (MW) of offshore wind-generated electricity by way of contractual obligations to Rhode Island (400 MW) and Connecticut (304 MW).

¹ BOEM approved on March 23, 2020 the assignment of a portion of Lease Area OCS-A 0486 to South Fork Wind, LLC creating new Lease Area OCS-A 0517 consisting of 13,700 acres. Consequently, Lease Area OCS-A 0486 was reduced in size from 97,498 to 83,798 acres.

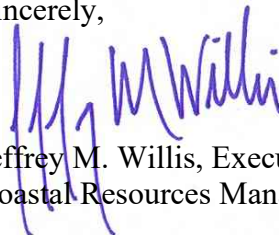
The proposed Revolution Wind project is subject to CRMC federal consistency review authority pursuant to Section 307 of the Coastal Zone Management Act (“CZMA”), 16 U.S.C. § 1451 *et seq.* and the CZMA’s implementing regulations at 15 C.F.R. part 930, subpart E - Consistency for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Exploration, Development and Production Activities. The CRMC CZMA review period for the Revolution Wind project commenced on August 6, 2021.² And, on October 21, 2021 the CRMC issued its 3-month CZMA review status letter for the Revolution Wind project as required by 15 C.F.R. § 930.78(a).

The CRMC and Revolution Wind, LLC agreed to an initial stay agreement that began on October 29, 2021, ended September 17, 2022 (96 days of the 6-month review period preserved), and a CRMC consistency decision due by December 21, 2022. A second stay agreement was agreed to and began on November 17, 2022, ended January 20, 2023 and provided for a CRMC consistency decision by February 24, 2023. A third stay agreement was agreed to and began on February 7, 2023 and provided for a CRMC consistency decision date of March 31, 2023. A fourth stay agreement was agreed to and began March 2, 2023 and provided for a CRMC consistency decision by April 28, 2023. A fifth stay has been mutually agreed to and executed by the parties as specified in the attached agreement. **Pursuant to the agreement, the CRMC federal consistency decision in this matter is now due no later than May 12, 2023.**

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management of this stay agreement pursuant to the requirements of 15 C.F.R. § 930.60(b). In addition, the CRMC requests BOEM to not issue a license or permit to Revolution Wind, LLC until the requirements of 15 C.F.R. Part 930, Subpart E have been completely 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
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² CRMC notified BOEM, Revolution Wind LLC, and NOAA by letter dated August 18, 2021 that the CRMC CZMA review period commenced on August 6, 2021.

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