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Re: **Mayflower Wind, LLC**; Docket No. BOEM-2021-0062
CRMC File 2022-03-080

Dear Ms. Lefton and Mr. Bennett,

Pursuant to 15 C.F.R. § 930.76, Mayflower Wind, LLC on March 18, 2022 filed with the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (“CRMC”) a federal consistency certification for the proposed construction and operation of the Mayflower Wind offshore wind renewable energy project consisting of up to 149 foundation positions, including wind turbine generators (WTGs) and offshore substation platforms (OSPs), and two export cable corridors that will make landfall at Falmouth, Massachusetts and Brayton Point in Somerset, Massachusetts.¹ The Mayflower Wind project is contracted with NSTAR Electric Company, d/b/a Eversource Energy, to deliver 804 megawatts (MW) of offshore wind-generated electricity to Massachusetts under a 25-year Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificate Agreement executed in January 2020. In addition, Mayflower Wind was awarded an additional 400 MW power purchase agreement (PPA) in December 2021 by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and its three biggest utilities as part of Massachusetts’ 83C III offshore wind energy procurement. Combined with its 804 MW PPA from 83C II, the project will now provide more than 1200 MW of renewable offshore wind energy. The

¹ The Brayton Point export cables will go through Rhode Island’s 2011 and 2018 Geographic Location Description areas in federal waters and into State waters up the Sakonnet River. The cable will make landfall in Portsmouth, RI and reenter State waters into Mount Hop Bay before making landfall at Brayton Point in Somerset, MA. Mayflower Wind has recently informed the CRMC that all 1200 MW in current PPAs with Massachusetts will be delivered to the Brayton Point landfall.

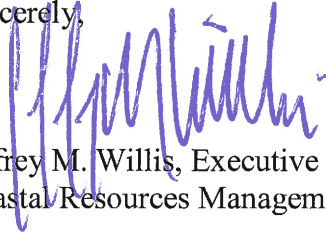
Mayflower Wind Construction and Operation Plan describes the project as having an operating capacity ranging between 1,600 and 2,400 MW.

The proposed installation of submerged export cables as part of the overall Mayflower Wind project is a listed activity subject to CRMC federal consistency review 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’s CZMA six-month review period for the Mayflower Wind project began on May 27, 2022². The CRMC and Mayflower Wind, LLC have mutually have agreed to stay the CRMC CZMA six-month federal consistency review period as specified in the attached stay agreement executed on June 24, 2022. **Pursuant to the agreement, the CRMC federal consistency decision in this matter is now due no later than June 27, 2023.**

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management of this stay agreement between the parties pursuant to the requirements of 15 C.F.R. § 930.60(b). In addition, the CRMC requests BOEM not to issue a license or permit to Mayflower Wind, LLC until the requirements of 15 C.F.R. Part 930, Subparts E and H 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,


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² The CRMC notified BOEM and Mayflower Wind in a letter dated May 31, 2022 that commencement of the CRMC CZMA consistency review period for the Mayflower Wind project began on May 27, 2022.