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

Dear Director Klein and Ms., Baker,

Pursuant to 15 C.F.R. § 930.76, SouthCoast 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 SouthCoast Wind<sup>1</sup>, 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.<sup>2</sup>The SouthCoast 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 SouthCoast 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

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<sup>1</sup> SouthCoast Wind LLC changed its name from “Mayflower Wind LLC” on February 1, 2023.

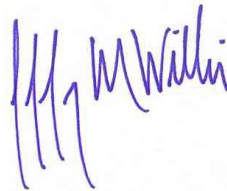
<sup>2</sup> The Brayton Point export cables will go through Rhode Island’s 2011 and 2018 Geographic Location Description areas in federal waters and into State waters up the Sakonnet River. The cable will make landfall in Portsmouth, RI and reenter State waters into Mount Hop Bay before making landfall at Brayton Point in Somerset, MA. SouthCoast Wind has recently informed the CRMC that all 1200 MW in current PPAs with Massachusetts will be delivered to the Brayton Point landfall.

Activities. The CRMC's CZMA six-month review period for the SouthCoast Wind project began on May 27, 2022.<sup>3</sup> The first stay agreement CRMC and SouthCoast Wind LLC mutually agreed to provided for a consistency decision date from CRMC on or before June 27, 2023. The second stay agreement provided for a consistency decision date on or before October 27, 2023. The third stay provided for a consistency decision date on or before December 1, 2023. This fourth stay agreement is necessary to allow CRMC the appropriate time to review the project. **Pursuant to the agreement, the CRMC federal consistency decision in this matter is now due no later than December 29, 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 SouthCoast 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](mailto:jwillis@crmc.ri.gov) should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey M. Willis, Executive Director  
Coastal Resources Management Council

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cc Jennifer Flood, Permitting Director, SouthCoast Wind LLC  
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CRMC Members  
Anthony DeSisto, Esq., CRMC Legal Counsel

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<sup>3</sup> The CRMC notified BOEM and SouthCoast Wind in a letter dated May 31, 2022, that commencement of the CRMC CZMA consistency review period for the SouthCoast Wind project began on May 27, 2022.



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## **FOURTH AGREEMENT TO STAY SIX-MONTH REVIEW PERIOD**

**Between**

**Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council**

**And**

**SouthCoast Wind Energy LLC**

The Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council, hereinafter referred to as the “CRMC,” and SouthCoast Wind Energy LLC<sup>1</sup> hereinafter referred to as “SouthCoast Wind,” hereby agree as follows.

Pursuant to 15 CFR § 930.76, SouthCoast Wind filed a Federal Consistency Certification with the CRMC on March 18, 2022 for the proposed installation of submerged renewable energy export cables within the Rhode Island 2011 and 2018 Geographic Location Descriptions (GLDs). The submerged cables are associated with the proposed offshore renewable energy wind farm project on the outer continental shelf (OCS), known as SouthCoast Wind, consisting of up to 147 wind turbine generators (WTGs) and up to 5 offshore substation platforms (OSPs). The project includes two export cable corridors, one making landfall and interconnecting to the ISO New England (ISO–NE) grid in Falmouth, Massachusetts (Falmouth Offshore Export Cable Corridor), and the other making landfall and interconnecting to the ISO–NE grid at Brayton Point in Somerset, Massachusetts known as the Brayton Point Offshore Export Cable Corridor (OECC). The proposed Brayton Point OECC would be installed within Rhode Island state waters through the Sakonnet River and into Mount Hope Bay with a landfall connection at Brayton Point.

The SouthCoast Wind project has been assigned CRMC File 2022-03-080 and is identified in the Federal docket as BOEM-2021-0062. The proposed WTGs and OSPs will be

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<sup>1</sup> SouthCoast Wind Energy, LLC is a 50/50 joint venture between Shell New Energies US LLC (Shell New Energies) and Ocean Winds North America LLC. SouthCoast Wind changed its name from “Mayflower Wind Energy, LLC” on February 1, 2023.

installed within BOEM Lease Area OCS-A 0521, located approximately 26 nautical miles south of Martha's Vineyard. The proposed submerged cables associated with the Brayton Point OECC is a listed activity of the Rhode Island 2011 and 2018 GLDs, 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 SouthCoast Wind project began on May 27, 2022<sup>2</sup>. BOEM issued a Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on February 17, 2023. The DEIS includes significant information that is instructive to the CRMC decision making process. This fourth stay agreement is necessary to allow the CRMC and SouthCoast Wind to continue discussions regarding the project's consistency with Rhode Island enforceable policies. 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 SouthCoast Wind mutually agree to the following dates to stay the CRMC CZMA six-month review period as specified herein:

**First Stay Agreement:**

- Date the CRMC 6-month review period commenced: May 27, 2022
- Date the 6-month review period was to end: November 27, 2022
- Date during the 6-month review period that the stay begins: June 27, 2022
- Date that the stay ends: January 27, 2023  
(150 days remaining in the 6-month review period)
- Date the 6-month review period ends and the CRMC consistency decision is due: June 27, 2023

**Second Stay Agreement:**

- Date the first stay ended: January 27, 2023

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<sup>2</sup> The CRMC notified BOEM and SouthCoast Wind in a letter dated May 31, 2022 that commencement of the CRMC CZMA federal consistency review for the SouthCoast Wind project began on May 27, 2022.

(49 days of the 6-month review period elapsed)

- Date during the 6-month review period the second stay begins: March 17, 2023
  - Date the second stay ends: July 18, 2023
- (101 days remaining in the 6-month review period)
- Date the 6-month review period ends and the CRMC consistency decision is due: October 27, 2023

**Third Stay Agreement:**

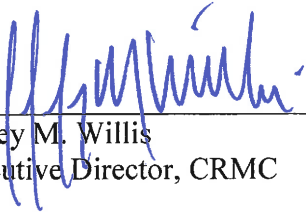
- Date the third stay begins: June 16, 2023
  - Date the third stay ends: August 22, 2023
- (101 days remaining in the 6-month review period)
- Date the 6-month review period ends and the CRMC consistency decision is due: December 1, 2023

**Fourth Stay Agreement:**

- Date the third stay ended: August 22, 2023
  - Date the fourth stay begins: November 15, 2023
- (85 days elapsed)
- Date the fourth stay ends: December 13, 2023
- (16 days remaining in the 6-month review period)
- Date the 6-month review period ends and the CRMC consistency decision is due: December 29, 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 **December 29, 2023**, unless SouthCoast 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 29, 2023.

This agreement made and entered by:

  
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Jeffrey M. Willis  
Executive Director, CRMC

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SouthCoast Wind Energy LLC,

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Francis Slingsby  
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