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Re: **Sunrise Wind, LLC**; Docket No. BOEM-2021-0052
CRMC File 2021-09-036

Dear Director Klein and Mr. Bennett,

Pursuant to 15 C.F.R. § 930.76, Sunrise Wind, LLC on September 1, 2021 filed with the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (“CRMC”) a federal consistency certification for the proposed construction and operation of the Sunrise Wind offshore wind renewable energy project consisting of up to 94 wind turbine generators¹ (WTGs) at 102 potential locations and an export cable that will make landfall at Brookhaven, Long Island, New York. The Sunrise Wind project is contracted with New York State Energy Research & Development to deliver 880 megawatts (MW) and up to 924 MW of offshore wind-generated electricity under a 25-year Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificate Agreement executed in 2019. The Sunrise Wind Construction and Operation Plan describes the project as having an operating capacity ranging between 924 and 1,122 MW.

The proposed Sunrise 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.

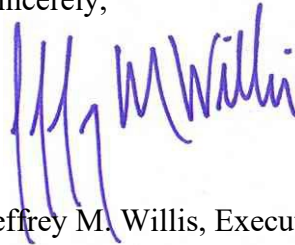
¹ Following the Sunrise Wind consistency certification filing with the CRMC, the project was modified to reduce the overall number of WTGs from a maximum of 122 to 94 at 102 potential locations in the revised April 8, 2022 Construction and Operation Plan.

The CRMC's CZMA six-month review period for the Sunrise Wind project began on October 28, 2021.² The first stay agreement between Sunrise Wind and the CRMC was executed on December 10, 2021 and provided for the State's CZMA decision date on or before March 2, 2023. Sunrise Wind and CRMC subsequently amended the first stay agreement to provide additional time to review the project. The amended stay required the CRMC consistency decision be issued on or before April 27, 2023. This third stay agreement is necessary to allow the CRMC additional time to review the project due in-part to the unprecedented number and schedule of offshore wind projects under review. As such, the CRMC and Sunrise Wind, LLC have mutually agreed to a third stay of the CRMC CZMA six-month federal consistency review period as specified in the attached stay agreement executed on March 21, 2023. **Pursuant to the agreement, the CRMC federal consistency decision in this matter is now due no later than May 31, 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 Sunrise 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,



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² The CRMC notified BOEM and Sunrise Wind in a letter dated October 28, 2021 that commencement of the CRMC CZMA consistency review for the Sunrise Wind project began on October 28, 2021.