

VINEYARD WIND

VIA Electronic Mail

November 21, 2018

Grover Fugate
Executive Director
Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council
Oliver H. Stedman Government Center
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Re: Vineyard Wind – CRMC File No. 2018-04-055

Dear Mr. Fugate:

As a follow-up to the Coastal Resources Management Council's November 13, 2018 meeting regarding Vineyard Wind's request to extend the stay of the Council's consistency review period for our proposed project, we again request that the Council's consistency review period be extended to January 28, 2019 and that any hearing and/or consideration by the Council of the project's consistency with Ocean SAMP enforceable policies be continued to the Council's January 22, 2019 meeting. In support of our request for extending the stay and for a continuance, we provide the following information:

- Since the November 13, 2018 Council meeting, Vineyard Wind has continued to actively engage fishermen in discussions regarding our efforts to avoid and minimize potential project impacts, including making a formal presentation to the Fisheries Advisory Board (FAB) on November 19. In addition, we held a workshop to obtain input on our pre and post-construction monitoring plans, where FAB members actively participated. Finally, we spent considerable time preparing a mitigation proposal that we had planned to discuss with the FAB at the November 19 meeting.
- If we are granted a stay and continuance, we intend to spend the time working with FAB members, CRMC staff, and Rhode Island officials on the appropriate scale and elements of a mitigation plan in accordance with Ocean SAMP §§ 1160.1(3), (7), and (8). Because these discussions are critical to and required by the Ocean SAMP, and because FAB members stated at the November 19 meeting that they were open to discussing mitigation, Vineyard Wind wants to engage in meaningful discussions to ensure that fishermen's views are addressed. We also would intend to continue discussions on all other issues.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LTP', is positioned above the printed name.

Lars Pedersen
Chief Executive Officer