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Re: Vineyard Wind, LLC; Docket No. BOEM-2018-0015  
CRMC File 2018-04-055

Dear Messrs. Cruickshank and Bennett,

Pursuant to 15 CFR § 930.54(f), Vineyard Wind, LLC filed a federal consistency certification with the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) on April 6, 2018 for the proposed construction and operation of an 800 megawatt wind energy project consisting of up to 106 offshore wind turbine generators to be located in offshore waters south of Martha's Vineyard, MA within BOEM Lease Area OCS-A 0501. The proposed project is subject to CRMC review authority pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA), 16 USC § 1456, and the CZMA's implementing regulations at 15 CFR Part 930 Subpart D – Consistency for Activities Requiring a Federal License or Permit and Subpart E - Consistency for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Exploration, Development and Production Activities.

The CRMC and Vineyard Wind, LLC on November 29, 2018 mutually agreed to stay the CRMC six-month federal consistency review period in accordance 15 CFR § 930.60(b), and the CRMC decision date for the Vineyard Wind, LLC matter was extended until January 28, 2019 to allow Vineyard Wind time to prepare a mitigation package and negotiate with the CRMC's Fishermen's Advisory Board (FAB) in order to meet the requirements of the CRMC's enforceable policies.

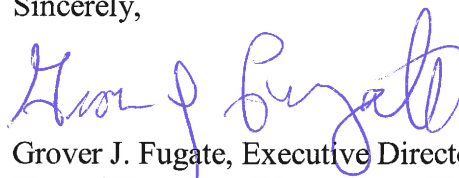
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Vineyard Wind has not yet engaged the FAB in mitigation negotiations as of the date of this letter, despite having met with the FAB on January 3 and 15, 2019. Therefore, the CRMC and Vineyard Wind have mutually agreed to further stay the CRMC six-month federal consistency review period to provide Vineyard Wind additional time to negotiate with the FAB. Pursuant to the attached stay agreement executed on January 15, 2019 the CRMC consistency determination decision date in this matter is now due no later than February 1, 2019. Vineyard Wind has indicated that they are willing to enter into a further stay agreement provided negotiations proceed in sincerity and if a mitigation agreement with the FAB appears to be attainable.

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) of this agreement as required under 15 CFR § 930.60(b). The CRMC requests BOEM not to issue a license or permit to Vineyard Wind, LLC until the requirements of 15 CFR Part 930, Subparts D and E have been satisfied. The CRMC will notify BOEM when it issues a final decision in this matter.

Please contact me at 401-783-3370 or email [gfugate@crmc.ri.gov](mailto:gfugate@crmc.ri.gov) should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Grover J. Fugate, Executive Director  
Coastal Resources Management Council

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cc Lars Pedersen, CEO, Vineyard Wind, LLC  
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**AMENDED AGREEMENT TO STAY SIX MONTH REVIEW PERIOD**

**Between**

**Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council**

**And**

**Vineyard Wind, LLC**

The Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council, hereinafter referred to as the “CRMC,” and Vineyard Wind, LLC, hereinafter referred to as “Vineyard Wind,” hereby agree as follows.

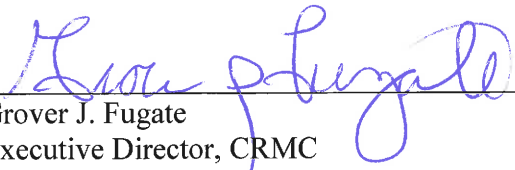
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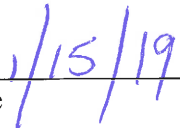
Pursuant to 15 CFR § 930.60(b) the CRMC and Vineyard Wind entered into an agreement on November 29, 2018 to stay the CRMC six-month review period with a CRMC decision due on January 28, 2019. The CRMC and Vineyard Wind now mutually agree to the following dates to further stay the CRMC six-month review period as specified herein.


- Date the CRMC 6-month review period commenced: April 6, 2018
- Date the 6-month review period was to end: January 28, 2019
- Date during the 6-month review period that the stay begins: January 15, 2019
- Date that the stay ends: January 29, 2019
- Date the 6-month review period ends and the CRMC decision is due: February 1, 2019

The CRMC will issue its consistency determination on or before **February 1, 2019** unless Vineyard Wind and CRMC mutually agree in writing to another later date.

These agreements made and entered by:

  
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Grover J. Fugate  
Executive Director, CRMC

  
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Date

  
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Lars T. Pedersen  
Chief Executive Officer, Vineyard Wind, LLC

1/14/2019  
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Date

cc: BOEM  
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CRMC Council members