

# TOWN OF AQUINNAH

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November 27, 2017

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To Whom It May Concern,

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Vineyard Power has worked with the Town of Aquinnah to educate our community about renewable energy and the offshore wind process, both at a federal and state level in an effort to ensure that our concerns were communicated to government agencies.

Vineyard Wind has indicated their desire to build and base their operations and maintenance facility here on the Vineyard. Their operation, purportedly to include a helicopter operations base at the M.V. Airport, would be based in Tisbury and create a demand for skilled, diversified workforce and a long-term source of new tax revenue. Further, Vineyard Wind has proposed to work within our public school system to raise awareness of, and develop career paths for this burgeoning industry. All of the above present exciting opportunities for the entire island over the next 25 years or more.

Vineyard Wind has promised to deliver on their commitment to ensure an open and honest dialogue and to deliver real benefits to the Vineyard community.

Best regards,

Jeffrey L. Madison, Esq.

Aquinnal Town Administrator

Governor Charlie Baker cc:

Secretary Matthew A. Beaton, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs

Vineyard Wind, LLC



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December 11, 2017

#### To Whom It May Concern:

Over the years, Vineyard Power has made efforts to educate us and our community about the offshore wind process, both at a federal and state level, and to ensure that our concerns were communicated not only to government agencies but also to their development partner, Vineyard Wind. The first real benefit was helping to ensure that these projects would be built far off our coastline. The Town of Chilmark has partnered with Vineyard Power with a solar array project at our capped landfill and we have found this to be a positive partnership.

We are particularly supportive of Vineyard Wind's efforts to build, and base, their Operations & Maintenance facility on Martha's Vineyard, including locating a helicopter operations base in our town at the Martha's Vineyard airport. This operation, and the marine operation to be based in Tisbury, will create a skilled, well paid year-round workforce that will be a real benefit for our island and our economy.

We support their efforts to work with our regional public school system on raising awareness and developing career paths for young island students in this new burgeoning industry. We also support their continued outreach with our local fishing community and their commitment to listen and work with our fishermen through the life of the project (pre-/during and post construction) in order to minimize potential adverse impacts to our blue economy and our local coastal and marine environments. Our fishermen have expressed real concern over the issue of sediment redistribution during the construction process and we expect Vineyard Wind to address this issue specifically.

We are looking forward to the future opportunities for our town and island over the next 25 years or more.

Vineyard Wind is delivering on their commitment to ensuring an open and honest dialogue and to deliver real benefits to our community.

Best Regards,

Chilmark Board of Selectmen

Chairman William N. Rossi

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CC:

Governor Charlie Baker Secretary Matthew A. Beaton, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Vineyard Wind LLC



## TOWN OF EDGARTOWN OFFICE OF SELECTMEN

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December 12, 2017

Judith Judson, Commissioner Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 1020 Boston, Massachusetts 02114

Dear Commissioner,

Over the years, Vineyard Power has made efforts to educate us and our community about the offshore wind process, both at a federal and state level, and to ensure that our concerns were communicated not only to government agencies but also to their development partner, Vineyard Wind. The first real benefit was helping to ensure that these projects would be built far off our coastline.

We are particularly supportive of Vineyard Wind's efforts to establish their Operations & Maintenance facility on Martha's Vineyard, including locating a helicopter operations base in our town at the Martha's Vineyard airport. This operation, and the marine operation to be based in Tisbury, will create a skilled, well paid year-round workforce that will be a real benefit for our island and our economy.

We support their efforts to work with our regional public-school system on raising awareness and developing career paths for young island students in this new burgeoning industry. We also support their continued outreach to our local fishing community, including our Marine Advisory Committee and Shellfish Committee, and their commitment to listen and work with our fishermen through the life of the project (before, during and after construction) in order to minimize potential adverse impacts to our blue economy and our local coastal and marine environments.

We are excited about the future opportunities for our town and island over the next 25 years or more.

Vineyard Wind is delivering on their commitment to ensuring an open and honest dialogue and to deliver real benefits to our community.

Sincerely,

Arthur Smadbeck

Chairman Edgartown Board of Selectmen

CC: Governor Charles Baker

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Town Administrator

November 29, 2017

Judith Judson, Commissioner Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 1020 Boston, MA 02114

Dear Commissioner Judson:

Since 2010, Vineyard Power has worked with the Town of Oak Bluffs to educate us and our community about the offshore wind process, both at a federal and state level, and to ensure that our concerns were communicated not only to government agencies but also to their development partner, Vineyard Wind.

We are particularly supportive of Vineyard Wind's efforts to build and base their Operations & Maintenance facility on Martha's Vineyard, including locating a helicopter operations base at the Martha's Vineyard airport. This operation, and the marine operation to be based in Tisbury, will create demand for a skilled, diversified workforce that will be a real benefit to our island and a long-term source of new tax revenue.

We support their efforts to work with our public school system on raising awareness and developing career paths for this burgeoning industry. We are excited about the future opportunities for our town and island over the next 25 years or more.

Vineyard Wind is delivering on their commitment to ensure an open and honest dialogue and to deliver real benefits to our community.

Sincerely,

Kathleen A. Burton, Chairman Oak Bluffs Board of Selectmen

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November 27, 2017

To Whom It May Concern,

The town of Tisbury has worked cooperatively with Vineyard Power for over eight years and Vineyard Power has educated our town about the BOEM federal leasing process and the state procurement process. Vineyard Power has worked diligently to identify community benefits and they have signed a groundbreaking offshore Community Benefits Agreement with Vineyard Wind in January, 2015. Since then Vineyard Wind has demonstrated a real understanding for outreach and the necessity of bringing local benefits to our island community.

The Tisbury Selectmen are supportive of Vineyard Wind's efforts to build, and base, their operations & maintenance facility in the town of Tisbury. This new operation will bring significant infrastructure investment on our waterfront and create career opportunities for our island residents. In addition, Vineyard Wind is committed to partnering with our local school system to develop training and education opportunities needed for this future skilled workforce.

This positive connection that has been built up between Tisbury and Vineyard Wind bodes well for our town and is a relationship we are confident will be a long term one. It serves as a model for how renewable energy developers can work in a positive way with the local community, addressing issues like climate change and ocean acidification, all while creating local jobs and a more sustainable economy.

Sincerely,

Larry J. Gomez

Chairmen

Tisbury Board of Selectmen

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Governor Charlie Baker Secretary Matthew A. Beaton, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Vineyard Wind LLC



# Town of West Tisbury Board of Selectmen

West Tisbury, MA 02575

December 6, 2017

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To Whom It May Concern:

Since 2010, Vineyard Power has worked with the Town of West Tisbury to educate us and our community about the offshore wind process, both at a federal and state level, and to ensure that our concerns were communicated not only to government agencies but also to their development partner, Vineyard Wind.

We are particularly supportive of Vineyard Wind's efforts to build and base their Operations & Maintenance facility on Martha's Vineyard, including location a helicopter operations base at the Martha's Vineyard airport. This operation and the marine operation to be based in Tisbury, will create demand for a skilled, diversified work force that will be a real benefit to our island and a long-term source of new tax revenue.

We support their efforts to work with our public school system on raising awareness and developing career paths for this burgeoning industry and their plans to improve the island's resiliency with micro-grid storage projects for critical services in our town and elsewhere on the island.

We are excited about the future opportunities for our town and island over the next 25 years or more.

Vineyard Wind is delivering on their commitment to ensure and open and honest dialogue and to deliver real benefits to our community.

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Sincerely,

Chair

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