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M. V. Commission

Re-Vineyard Wind undersea cable application

Dear Members,

I am very much in support of Vineyard Wind's plan to install an undersea cable through the Edgartown waters making landfall in Barnstable. This project is vital to our future both for a healthy planet and in achieving the promise of sustainable energy. It is hard for most people to understand that in the effort to bring non-polluting sources online we must make compromises in ways no one had ever imagined.

This groundbreaking project brings the promise of not only environmental benefits, but economic as well. We must begin to protect our oceans by reducing our consumption and reliance on fossil fuels. The production of energy with wind contributes mightily to that process.

Most arguments in opposition to offshore wind power rely on false assumptions while denying the scientific research that illustrates the perilous state of our ocean environment. Allowing the proposed cable, as located in the application, makes the most sense. Please vote to approve this important application.

Thank you,

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