

Paul Foley

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Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 12:05 PM
To: Paul Foley
Cc: Lucy Morrison
Subject: DRI # 688 Vineyard Wind Transmission Cable

Dear Mr. Foley,

Please include the following as part of the recorded public comment regarding the undersea cables proposed to pass through waters 1.2 miles offshore in the town of Edgartown.

It is imperative that we move swiftly and decisively to combat the effects of climate change. It is clear that Vineyard Wind has done more than simple due diligence, but gone above and beyond to ensure that the development of offshore wind is done properly, safely and with the utmost reverence to the neighboring communities and the environment.

To date the developers have proven they are committed to our Island by working with local organizations and delivering substantial community benefits. The connector route itself was chosen as the path with the least impact possible and has the most direct route to a strong grid connection. The project itself is sited in the best possible location within the wind lease area. The site was chosen with massive stakeholder input and the best information from local and national experts. Years of studies to ensure the information regarding the location have proven it to be true.

The recent agreement between Vineyard Wind and the NRDC, National Wildlife Federation and the Conservation Law Foundation protecting North Atlantic Right Whales is even more proof that we can generate the much needed clean energy to power homes and businesses while protecting the environment including our marine environment.

Every form of electricity generation has its downsides but offshore wind in Massachusetts offers the fewest detriments and the greatest benefits. Offshore wind is our greatest hope for a clean energy future.

Please review the project with these facts in mind.

Sincerely,
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