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Kathleen Theoharides, Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs  
100 Cambridge St., Suite 900,  
Boston, MA 02114

Re: EEA# 16190, Tisbury Marine Terminal, Beach Road, Tisbury, Massachusetts

Dear Secretary Theoharides:

Following presentations on the Tisbury Marine Terminal's (TMT) project to the Tisbury Board of Selectmen on October 29, 2019 and January 28, 2020, the Selectmen expressed their strong support for the TMT project to improve and repair existing marine infrastructure and to construct an operations & maintenance facility for offshore wind support in Tisbury Harbor. The Selectmen continue to support the project aims which are as follows:

- Create a centralized control facility that has the unique ability to provide operational and maintenance services for offshore wind farms;
- Reduce global green-house gas emissions by supporting and providing critical services required to support offshore wind farms;
- Economic growth and job creation in Tisbury and the wider Martha's Vineyard community;
- Maintain and improve TMT marine infrastructure for critical island services; and
- Enhanced public access to the shoreline while maintaining the working waterfront.

The Selectmen also want to acknowledge TMT's continuing leadership and investment in our town's marine industrial facilities to maintain Tisbury's working waterfront. TMT's partnership with the offshore wind industry will create value added business and jobs for the Vineyard benefiting the local island economy. The cooperative relationship TMT's team has fostered with town officials concerning the planning for this project is greatly appreciated by us.

The TMT property has been operating as marine industrial users since the late 1800s and provides critical and essential services not only for our town but for the entire island of Martha's Vineyard. These operations will continue to play a strategic role in our island's economy and have a significant positive impact by decreasing vehicle traffic not only on island but also on the mainland. This operations & maintenance facility in our town is uniquely situated in an ideal location to meet the demands of the offshore wind industry by providing around the clock, year-round, support for wind farms under development 14 miles south of the island in federal waters.

In 2000, Tisbury registered the Vineyard Haven Harbor as a District of Critical Planning Concern (DCPC) with the purpose to maintain and enhance the cultural heritage and economic vitality of Vineyard Haven Harbor and its waterfront, and to protect the health, safety and well-being of Town residents and visitors. Specifically, these regulations seek to maintain the Vineyard Haven Harbor as a year-round "working waterfront" with facilities for loading and unloading bulk cargo and to promote the Town's longstanding tradition of supporting marine industries. The project is consistent with this purpose.

In conclusion, this proposed upgrade to the Vineyard Haven Harbor in Tisbury is consistent with the town's strategic objectives of maintaining a working waterfront and improving the Beach Road corridor for both business and recreational uses.

Sincerely,

John W Grande,  
Town Administrator