

RE: DRI Application - New England Wind 1 Connector

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Fig 1_OECC_EdgartownWaters.pdf;

Hi Alex,

I hope you enjoyed the 4th. Thank you for confirming we are on the July 14 MVC public hearing agenda to discuss the New England Wind 1 Connector. Would it be possible for the project team to present a few slides at the start of the discussion for the project (it would be no longer than 10 minutes)? You can download the slides we would like to present with the link below.

<https://epsilon.sharefile.com/d-sf147025da7304d23afc90b610e56d3ab>

In addition, regarding the few questions you sent along, please see our responses in **bold** below:

1. Confirm that New England Wind will take the same measures to protect environmental resources, including right whale habitat, as was required for the Vineyard Wind cable project. Explain how these measures differ from the Vineyard Wind project, if at all. **The Project is extremely similar to the Vineyard Wind Connector, and hence the measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate environmental impacts, including those to habitat of the North Atlantic Right Whale, are extremely similar. Since permitting is ongoing and final permit conditions are unknown at this time, it is possible some minor variations in these measures will occur. However, it is also reasonable to anticipate they will be substantially the same or even more protective.**
2. Provide a map showing the currently approved Vineyard Wind cable corridor, with the proposed corridor overlaid. **The attached map shows the original OECC in light blue, and the OECC expansion areas in dark blue.**
3. Provide more information about how the \$7.5 million to support the Island's energy transition by 2040 will be spent. Is there a template for how such money has been spent in other communities? **The funds will be used to support Martha's Vineyard's transition to a 100% renewable energy community. An example is the development and funding of an Energy Transition Program that will educate and support residents, businesses, and the building trades in a transition towards a 100% renewable energy economy including a 100% reduction in fossil fuel usage by 2040. This program will build on the framework set in the 2022 Climate Action Plan in meeting the increased renewable and greenhouse gas reduction targets, including but not limited to building weatherization, energy efficient construction, electric vehicles, and other aspects of transportation and electricity consumption.**
4. Outline the eventual process for decommissioning the cables, including any applicable state and federal regulations. (The LUPC noted that if the project is approved as a DRI, then removing the cables would also require MVC review.) **As described in Section 2.5 of the Project's DEIR submitted to the MEPA Office, as is typical of utility-grade generation and transmission infrastructure, the Project's equipment is expected to have a physical life expectancy of up to 30 years. It is reasonable to expect that by the end of the Lease term and beyond, technological advances in methods and equipment servicing the offshore industry may occur relative to current decommissioning practices. For that reason, demolition procedures may change at the time of decommissioning, several decades in the future. The offshore cables could be retired in place or removed, subject to discussions with the appropriate regulatory agencies on the preferred approach to minimize environmental impacts. Current BOEM regulations require the removal of decommissioned submarine cables, unless otherwise requested by the cable owner, and subsequently approved by BOEM. If removal is required, in some places it may be necessary to jet-plow the cable**

trench to fluidize the sandy sediments covering the cables. Then, the cables would be reeled up onto barges and the cable reels would be transported to the port area for further handling and recycling. If protective rocks or concrete mattresses were used to protect portions of the export cables, they may be removed prior to recovering the cable. It is anticipated that the equipment and vessels used during decommissioning will likely be similar to those used during construction and installation. The environmental impacts from these decommissioning activities, assuming present day technology, would be generally similar to the impacts experienced during construction, although no dredging would be anticipated along the export cable corridor. Regardless of the specific approach, the Proponent will comply with then-applicable regulations and then-relevant decommissioning procedures. The Proponent anticipates a DRI review by the Martha's Vineyard Commission may be required for decommissioning.

Also, I just wanted to check on the status of the invoice you are preparing, since I have not seen it come in over email. I will arrange for payment once it arrives.

Thanks,
Holly

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Hi Holly and Richard,

We had some staffing changes that have affected the billing, but we will try to send the invoice in the next few days. The hearing has been scheduled for July 14 (fourth on the agenda) and the Zoom link is below. Please note that any materials that you would like to be considered at the hearing must be received by 12PM on July 12 at the latest.

Also, the LUPC had identified the following questions, which should be answered prior to the hearing:

1. Confirm that New England Wind will take the same measures to protect environmental resources, including right whale habitat, as was required for the Vineyard Wind cable project. Explain how these measures differ from the Vineyard Wind project, if at all.
2. Provide a map showing the currently approved Vineyard Wind cable corridor, with the proposed corridor overlaid.
3. Provide more information about how the \$8 million to support the Island's energy transition by 2040 will be spent. Is there a template for how such money has been spent in other communities?

4. Outline the eventual process for decommissioning the cables, including any applicable state and federal regulations. (The LUPC noted that if the project is approved as a DRI, then removing the cables would also require MVC review.)

We may have some more questions as we go through the application package submitted in 6/17. If so, I will try to send those early next week.

Thanks,

Alex

Topic: Remote Commission Meeting

Time: Jul 14, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Good morning, Alex.

I also wanted to follow up regarding you confirming the hearing date.

Thanks,

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Hi Alex:

I just wanted to check in to see if you have emailed the invoice? I have not seen it come through.

Thanks,
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Hi Holly,

Thanks for the new materials. I will look these over and let you know if we have any questions. You should also receive an invoice in the next few days.

Best,

Alex

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Good morning, Adam:

On behalf of Park City Wind LLC (the Proponent), I am pleased to submit this Development of Regional Impact (DRI) application for the installation of two offshore export cables beneath the ocean floor within Edgartown's offshore waters (the New England Wind 1 Connector, or the Project). The purpose of the cables is to deliver energy generated by Park City Wind's offshore wind energy generation facility, proposed in federal waters, to the existing transmission system on Cape Cod. As you know, the offshore export cables are the subject of a recent Notice of Intent (NOI) application to the Edgartown Conservation Commission; the NOI was referred by the Conservation Commission to the Martha's Vineyard Commission on March 24, 2022.

The link below will enable you to download the complete DRI application, and the cover letter is attached.

<https://epsilon.sharefile.com/d-s2e6d179dc85643369c7029f43a7bbc51>

As indicated by Richard Andre in recent email correspondence, we are prepared to proceed to a full DRI hearing as soon as possible. From what I understand, now that the DRI application has been submitted you will calculate the DRI fee and send an invoice. If you could email the invoice to me as soon as it is prepared, I will arrange for payment.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

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