RE: New England Wind connector - MVC staff meeting follow-up

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Alex,

As requested, we have compiled responses to the list you provided for clarification in the application. Please let us know if you would like us to provide any additional information in advance of the New England Wind 1 Connector Land Use Planning Meeting that you tentatively scheduled for June 6th.

1. Statement as to how the project will benefit Martha’s Vineyard: New England Wind, through its Community Benefit Agreement with Vineyard Power Cooperative, has committed $7,500,000, to be distributed over seven years, to fund Martha’s Vineyard’s community goal of achieving 100% of its electricity from renewable sources and 100% elimination of fossil fuels. The funding commitment is conditional upon successful permitting and financing of the Park City Wind project, including New England Wind 1 Connector.

2. Copies of the MBUAR and MHC permits, and any other permits already issued (referred in table 1-1 of the NOI): A copy of the MBUAR approval, dated 22 December, 2021, is attached

3. Copy of the NHESP no-impact determination: The MESA Determination issued by NHESP on April 1 is attached.

4. Copy of any decisions/determinations issued by the Nantucket Conservation Commission: We expect the Nantucket Conservation Commission will issue an Order of Conditions following its Public Hearing on May 12. We can provide the MVC with a copy of the Order of Conditions once it is issued.

5. What is the width of the pre-lay grapple run? The pre-lay grapple run will consist of a single pass over each of the proposed cable alignments to clear seabed surface debris. As a result, the "width" of the pre-lay grapple run is not expected to exceed the width of the direct trenching disturbance.

6. Provide more information about how the pre-lay grapple run is carried out: In accordance with normal industry practice, a pre-lay grapple run will be made to locate and clear obstructions such as abandoned fishing gear and other marine debris in advance of cable installation. Operations for the pre-lay grapple run will consist of a vessel towing equipment that will hook and remove obstructions such as fishing gear, ropes, and other debris from the seafloor. The Proponent estimates this activity will begin any time up to two months prior to cable installation. Any abandoned fishing gear recovered will be disposed of or returned to its owner in accordance with requirements of the Massachusetts DMF and other relevant Massachusetts regulations.

7. We may have covered this, but any further detail about where the proposed cable protection would occur within Edgartown waters: While the Proponent will seek to avoid and minimize the use of cable protection, it is most likely to be necessary in areas where hard bottom has been identified, as shown on Figure 3 of the NOI submitted to the Edgartown Conservation Commission.

Regards,

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Hi Hans and Richard,

To follow up on our meeting last week, here is a list of items that would like to be included or clarified in the application for the New England Wind connector project:

- Statement as to how the project will benefit Martha’s Vineyard
- Copies of the MBUAR and MHC permits, and any other permits already issued (referred in table 1-1 of the NOI)
- Copy of the NHESP no-impact determination
- Copy of any decisions/determinations issued by the Nantucket conservation commission
- What is the width of the pre-lay grapple run?
- Provide more information about how the pre-lay grapple run is carried out.
- We may have covered this, but any further detail about where the proposed cable protection would occur within Edgartown waters.

Also, I spoke with the MVC director and chair about checklist 9.2b, and it’s likely it does not apply here, based on precedent, but the Land Use Planning Committee may need to determine that for itself, since the project was referred under 9.2b and the checklist is not clear about how that applies to structures that are ancillary to a main facility.
Thanks,

Alex

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