

ATTACHMENT 7-6

Project Support Letters

LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This letter acknowledges that Bay State Wind, LLC (“BSW”) has committed to provide funding for bill payment assistance and deliver energy efficiency services to low-income households throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the event that the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) approves a power purchase agreement for the delivery of power in connection with an off-shore wind project being proposed by BSW, in response to bids filed under the so-called “83C”¹ solicitation process.

In particular, BSW has committed to make a stream of payments over a 20-year period if its project proposal is chosen. Assuming that an 800MW project is approved, the total payments would be approximately \$15 million (nominal). Payments, which would start at approximately \$550,000 annually and increase to almost \$1 million annually in the twentieth year, would be made to a non-profit Fiscal Agent, Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD), for a period of up to twenty years, should the DPU choose BSW as the successful “83C” bidder and the BSW project be in operation throughout the 20 year period. ABCD will distribute the funds to the non-profit and governmental agencies that operate the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) in accordance with state-mandated funding formulas for those programs to ensure equitable allocation of the funds across the state.

¹ Acts of 2016, ch. 188, § 12, adding Section 83D to the Acts of 2008, ch. 169.


The payments are scheduled to increase over the 20-year period, to reflect expected rising need (in nominal dollars) over time. ABCD and Action, Inc. (the signatories below) represent that this would provide substantial bill payment assistance to low-income households who are having difficulty paying their heating and energy bills. If all of the funding in any year were devoted solely to fuel assistance payments, it would fully serve the need of approximately 1,000 households. If the annual funding were used to increase the payments to households already determined eligible for LIHEAP, this amount of funding would provide, e.g., an additional \$100 of assistance to 5,000 households in the first year and 10,000 households in the twentieth year. Over the course of the twenty year agreement, the amount pledged by BSW would help serve the home energy needs of tens of thousands of households.


On the energy efficiency side, the annual funding would allow the local agencies that deliver WAP to provide full, whole-building insulation and related energy-saving measures to approximately 100-to-200 households, or approximately 2,000 to 4,000 households over the 20 year period.

BSW has offered that the Fiscal Agent will have reasonable discretion as to how to allocate the available funding between bill payment assistance and energy efficiency services, year-to-year, depending on such key factors as federal funding for the fuel assistance and weatherization programs, availability of utility funding for weatherization, energy prices, and the severity of expected winter weather. The Fiscal Agent will exercise that discretion through discussions with the local LIHEAP and WAP administering agencies.



Signed:



John Wells, for ABCD

Elliott Jacobson, for Action, Inc.



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Laura L. Douglas, Ph.D., President

December 14, 2017

Ms. Lauren Burm
Head of Public Affairs
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Dear Ms. Burm:

On behalf of Bristol Community College (BCC), I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the offshore wind farm proposed by Bay State Wind in response to the current solicitation issued by the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources. The proposal by Bay State Wind will have significant economic development and job creation impacts on this region of the Commonwealth.

Please accept my assurance that Bristol Community College is prepared to cooperate fully with your development team to prepare the middle-skills workforce that is essential to the success of your project. As you know, the BCC Board of Trustees recently approved a certificate and degree completion program specifically customized for offshore wind. We aligned our curriculum and facilities to meet the certification requirements of the Global Wind Organization.

The entire College community here at BCC is very excited to implement our Memorandum of Agreement with Bay State Wind. That agreement is the foundation for a mutually beneficial relationship that will enrich the academic experience for our students and faculty while providing Bay State Wind direct access to our graduates. Your willingness to make a generous financial contribution of \$1 million to BCC is truly appreciated. Pursuant to your selection and in accordance with our Memorandum of Agreement, that gift will be in five annual installments of \$200,000 beginning in 2019. The College agrees to earmark that gift exclusively for underwriting the Bay State Wind Faculty Endowment.

Your leadership in this shared vision will transform the lives of thousands of our citizens in the region and provide successful students with a clear and direct pathway to a career in the offshore wind industry.

Everyone at Bristol Community College wishes you success in this exciting and transformative project to create jobs and to provide the consumers of Massachusetts with affordable renewable energy from offshore wind. We are committed to working with Bay State Wind over the long-term and excited about the idea of creating a new renewable energy industry for the Commonwealth and United States.

We look forward to our on-going collaborations with Bay State Wind.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura L. Douglas".

Laura L. Douglas, Ph.D.

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Lauren Burm
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Dear Ms Burm,

As the region's non-profit municipal energy cooperative, the Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CVEC) is very grateful for the visits your team made to CVEC to discuss the many ways that our members, the Cape and Vineyard municipalities and governmental entities, will benefit from the installation of offshore wind under the Bay State proposal. We believe your offshore wind project is an important step forward in the effort to slow the effects of climate change here on the Cape and Vineyard. The CVEC mission is well met with your proposed addition of offshore wind power for Massachusetts.

While the CVEC Board felt it premature to forge a letter of intent at this juncture, CVEC wishes your team every success as you bring your project forward. We support Bay State's effort to develop clean, renewable energy in the federal waters south of Martha's Vineyard and your commitment to deliver local value by entering into meaningful local partnerships.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Leo Cakounes", is positioned above the printed name.

Leo Cakounes
President
The Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative, Inc.



December 6, 2017

Thomas Brostrøm
President, Ørsted North America
100 Oliver St
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Dear Mr. Brostrøm,

On behalf of our 1,272-member businesses and organizations, I wish to lend our strong support to the Request for Proposals submission of Baystate Wind, as a potential offshore wind energy procurement source for Massachusetts.

This RFP represents an opportunity to end our region's long-held designation as the terminus of the energy supply pipeline in the United States. Massachusetts is well positioned both as a major player in the nation's emerging offshore wind industry, and to become the supply chain hub for the U.S. East Coast. With this emerges an opportunity to recapture some of the billions of dollars currently spent on energy imports, grow regional energy production and build new industries that will create meaningful jobs and economic opportunities for the Commonwealth.

In many ways, the Cape community carries battles scars from the recently concluded, 15-year battle over Cape Wind in Nantucket Sound. Mending old wounds and then moving forward in a thoughtful manner that engages the local communities is critical to the success of offshore wind in this region.

To that end, Bay State has become a committed partner in community level outreach, and building support for the next generation of wind projects represented in this RFP. This is evident through such activities as sponsorship of our 2016 Annual Meeting, and participation in forums, meetings and roundtables. Currently, we are working together to organize an offshore wind industry forum in the first quarter of next year, that will help with this effort.

We look forward to the economic opportunities that this fledgling industry will bring to our shores, and with Bay State Wind as a partner – know there will be great success.

Sincerely,

Wendy K. Northcross, CCE
Chief Executive Officer



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December 15, 2017

Mr. Leon Olivier
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Mr. Thomas Brostrøm
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Dear Messrs. Olivier and Brøstrom:

As a strong supporter of Massachusetts' landmark legislation to promote a homegrown offshore wind industry, I am pleased to support the procurement of economically and environmentally sound utility-scale offshore wind projects here in the Commonwealth. I am confident that the upcoming competitive solicitation process will demonstrate the wisdom of the legislature's commitment to procure up to 1,600 MW of offshore wind over the next decade, and will yield significant new, clean, reliable and cost-effective generation resources needed to replace the growing number of power plant retirements across the region.

As you know, the offshore wind industry has great potential to spur new economic activity in and around my district. With world-class academic and training institutions, a skilled and highly motivated workforce, an advanced industrial base, and modern infrastructure, New Bedford is ideally situated to host this emergent clean energy industry. I look forward to working with all offshore wind developers in leveraging these local assets and investing in long-term local economic growth.

I anxiously await the outcome of the upcoming utility procurement process for offshore wind, and look forward to working with the entire industry to make the promise of offshore wind growing role in the Commonwealth's green economy a reality for my constituents.

Sincerely,



ANTONIO F.D. CABRAL

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December 11, 2017

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Dear Mr. Brostrøm:

As a supporter of Massachusetts' landmark legislation to promote a homegrown offshore wind industry at least ten miles South of Martha's Vineyard, I am pleased to support the procurement of economically and environmentally sound utility-scale offshore wind projects here in the Commonwealth. I am confident that the upcoming competitive solicitation process will demonstrate the wisdom of the legislature's commitment to procure up to 1,600 MW of offshore wind over the next decade, and will yield significant new, clean, reliable and cost-effective generation resources needed to replace the growing number of power plant retirements across the region.

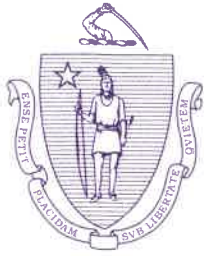
I am particularly enthusiastic about the opportunities presented by offshore wind to spur new economic activity in Massachusetts. With world-class academic and training institutions, a skilled and highly motivated workforce, and modern infrastructure - all in close proximity to the project area - Massachusetts is ideally situated to host this emergent clean energy industry. I am pleased that Bay State Wind has made a strong financial commitment to the environmental sustainability and economic vitality of the Cape and Islands.

Massachusetts has long been a leader in clean energy production and this project will help put us on a path towards 100% renewable energy. We look forward to working with the offshore wind industry to advance sustainable energy and community benefits that help the residents of our district.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dylan Fernandes', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dylan Fernandes
State Representative
Barnstable, Dukes, and Nantucket



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December 13, 2017

Secretary Matthew A. Beaton
Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge Street Suite 900
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Dear Secretary Beaton,

We write in support of Bay State Wind which is seeking to participate as an 83C off shore wind project developer here in the Commonwealth. Their procurement of up to 1,600 MW of offshore wind over the next decade will yield significant clean, reliable and cost-effective generation resources needed to replace the growing number of power plants, such as those in our legislative district, which have been shuttered or retired.

It is our feeling that the opportunities presented by offshore wind development off Massachusetts' South Coast will spark new economic activity in our region. Our world-class academic institutions, highly motivated workforce and an advanced industrial base lie all within close proximity to the project area. The South Coast is perfectly situated to host this new, clean energy industry and we are encouraged that Bay State Wind has made a financial commitment to the economic resurgence of the region and Commonwealth as a whole. We look forward to working with Bay State Wind and all other offshore wind developers in facilitating future investment for long-term economic growth.

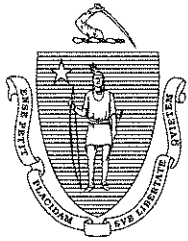
We look forward to the outcome of the upcoming utility procurement process for offshore wind and to the growing role it will play here on the South Coast.

Sincerely yours,


REP. PATRICIA A. HADDAD,
Speaker Pro Tempore


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December 12, 2017

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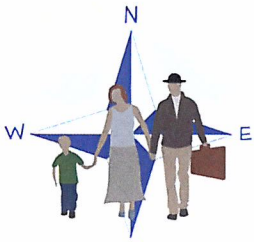
As a supporter of Massachusetts' landmark legislation to promote a homegrown offshore wind industry, I am pleased to support the procurement of economically and environmentally sound utility-scale offshore wind projects here in the Commonwealth. I am confident that the upcoming competitive solicitation process will demonstrate the wisdom of the legislature's commitment to procure up to 1,600 MW of offshore wind over the next decade, and will yield significant new, clean, reliable and cost-effective generation resources needed to replace the growing number of power plant retirements across the region.

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I anxiously await the outcome of the upcoming utility procurement process for offshore wind, and look forward to working with the offshore wind industry to make the promise of offshore wind's growing role in the Commonwealth's green economy a reality for my constituents.

Sincerely,

PAUL A. SCHMID
State Representative
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IMMIGRANTS' ASSISTANCE CENTER, INC

December 7, 2017

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In addition, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bay State Wind under the auspice of Orsted Wind Power North America LLC and Eversource for their donation of \$2,500 for the Turkeys and Trimmings Holiday Baskets which was given out to approximately 150 low income immigrant families of the Immigrants' Assistance Center, Inc. (IAC).

Sincerely,



Helena DaSilva Hughes
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I eagerly await the outcome of the upcoming utility procurement process for offshore wind, and look forward to working with the offshore wind industry to make the promise of offshore wind's growing role in the Commonwealth's green economy a reality for my constituents.

Respectfully,



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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December 13, 2017

Mr. Thomas Brøstrom
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Dear Mr. Brøstrom:

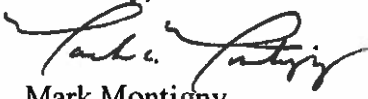
As Bay State Wind prepares its submission to the section 83C RFP for Long-Term Contracts for Offshore Wind Energy Projects, I wish to offer my insight as a key supporter of the landmark legislation to procure 1600MW of offshore wind power by 2027.

I am fortunate to represent my hometown of New Bedford in the Massachusetts State Senate. This city boasts a proud maritime history filled with success from the industrious whaling era of the 1800s to the hardworking and resilient commercial fishing fleet of today. Our community prides itself on a strong work ethic and sense of self-determination.

The prospect of a new industry, like offshore wind, entering our historic harbor is a potential economic boon for both New Bedford and the Commonwealth. It is my understanding that Bay State Wind's parent company, Ørsted, has substantial experience with similar projects in Europe. A typical project generates construction jobs and permanent operations and maintenance positions. Ørsted also has experience from these utility-scale projects that has allowed the company to drive down costs.

Overall, this proposal has the potential to provide Massachusetts with a clean, renewable and cost-effective source of electricity. These factors combined with potential job creation and economic growth in New Bedford has thus far convinced me to support this project. I look forward to a robust, fair, and transparent procurement process and wish you the very best of luck as the process unfolds.

Sincerely,


Mark Montigny
SENATOR

December 8, 2017

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Mr. Thomas Brostrøm
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Dear Messrs. Olivier and Brostrøm:

As a supporter of Massachusetts' landmark legislation to promote a homegrown offshore wind industry, I am pleased to support the procurement of economically and environmentally sound utility-scale offshore wind projects here in the Commonwealth. I am confident that the upcoming competitive solicitation process will demonstrate the wisdom of the legislature's commitment to procure up to 1,600 MW of offshore wind over the next decade, and will yield significant new, clean, reliable and cost-effective generation resources needed to replace the growing number of power plant retirements across the region.

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I anxiously await the outcome of the upcoming utility procurement process for offshore wind, and look forward to working with the offshore wind industry to make the promise of offshore wind's growing role in the Commonwealth's green economy a reality for the residents of New Bedford.

Sincerely,



Anthony R. Sapienza
Chair, Board of Directors
New Bedford Economic Development Council



December 14, 2017

Ms. Lauren Burm
Head of Public Affairs
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Dear Ms. Burm:

Please accept this letter of support for the exciting proposal developed and submitted by Bay State Wind to the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources to provide the Commonwealth ratepayers with clean renewable energy from offshore wind. Your proposal to build a wind farm off the coast of Massachusetts is a major investment of finance capital and human resources, designed to generate sustainable renewable electricity at a price that is competitive in the current and future energy market.

Since pioneering the first offshore wind farm in 1991 in Europe, Orsted, established itself as the leader within the global offshore wind power production sector, building over a quarter of the world market's current capacity. Likewise, Eversource, which has a record of over 100 years in supporting the growth of Massachusetts communities and businesses, has a long and successful record of accomplishment bringing critically needed transmission reliability projects to fruition, and is leading the way in New England in the transition to clean, renewable and reliable sources of energy.

The proposed Bay State Wind partnership of these two excellent companies represents an opportunity to capitalize on the wonderful experience of both partners' experience to create a new, renewable energy sector here in the United States with the port of New Bedford at its epicenter.

As you know, the Massachusetts Wind Energy Area (MAWEA) is the largest offshore wind area along the East Coast. It is located roughly 25 nautical miles south of New Bedford and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) estimated that the MAWEA has sufficient energy capacity to serve nearly half the households in Massachusetts.

On behalf of the New Bedford Wind Energy Center, I am pleased to support the commitment by Bay State Wind to utilize the port of New Bedford for both deployment of your wind towers and turbines as well as your plans to utilize the port of New Bedford for ongoing operation and maintenance activities.



Deployment of your proposed wind farm at the New Bedford Marine Commerce Terminal will create hundreds of well-paying construction jobs and have a significant economic impact in the area. In addition, your proposal to utilize the port of New Bedford for operation and maintenance activities will result in long-term employment opportunities for area residents over the next several decades.

Creation of a domestic supply chain is a critically important issue to New Bedford, the Commonwealth and to this region. Although it is likely that the major components such as foundations, nacelles and blades required during the initial build-out will be sourced in Europe, it is my hope and expectation that Bay State Wind will collaborate with the New Bedford Wind Energy Center to develop a robust supply chain here in New Bedford and throughout the SouthCoast region.

As you know, the New Bedford Wind Energy Center (NBWEC) stands ready to facilitate introductions and broker relationships with many local and regional companies that are eager to participate in the offshore wind supply chain. Please let me know if we can be of assistance in any way to enable your success and to develop a domestic supply chain in America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul L. Vigeant". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul L. Vigeant
Managing Director



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December 12th, 2017

Mr. Thomas Brøstrom
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Dear Mr. Brøstrom

Thank you for your interest and support for the conservation of right whales. As you know, this species is facing a downturn in numbers, and calving is near an all-time low. If you are successful in winning the power supply bids with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, we would be delighted to work with you and our fishing community partners (Mass Lobstermen's Association, South Shore Fishermen's Association) toward solving the problems that right whales face. Bay State Wind has indicated their recognition of the risks to this critically endangered species, and is signaling a commitment to engage with stakeholders to reduce pressure on the population as offshore wind activity increases. Your willingness to commit \$250,000 to our research team to participate in these efforts speaks highly of your commitment and concern for the oceanic environment, and I want you to know we sincerely appreciate it.

Sincerely,

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at the New England Aquarium



PEOPLE ACTING IN COMMUNITY ENDEAVORS

President - Nancy Feeney Executive Director - Bruce Morell



Massachusetts Community Action Program
Director's Association, Inc.

October 20, 2017

Mr. Leon Olivier
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Mr. Thomas Brøstrom
General Manager
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Dear Messrs. Olivier and Brøstrom:

As the Executive Director of People Acting in Community Endeavors, Inc. (PACE), New Bedford's Community Action Agency and a strong supporter of Massachusetts' landmark legislation to promote a homegrown offshore wind industry, I am pleased to support the Bay State Wind project. I am enthusiastic about the opportunities presented by the Bay State Wind project to spur new economic activity in and around New Bedford. With world-class academic and training institutions, a skilled and highly motivated workforce, an advanced industrial base, and modern infrastructure - all in close proximity to the Bay State Wind project area - New Bedford in particular, is ideally situated to host this emergent clean energy industry.

I am particularly pleased that Bay State Wind has made a strong financial commitment to the economic vitality of the region and to the low income rate payers that my organization serves. Under a Memorandum of Understanding between PACE and the Bay State Wind Project, the project developers have committed up to \$1.6 million over the life of the project towards critical programs that serve the Greater New Bedford low income population. As the operator of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, (LIHEAP), PACE assists approximately 12,000 low income households in Greater New Bedford pay for their heating bills during the winter. Unfortunately, federal funding for this program cannot fully cover the need and therefore supplemental funding such as that provided by Bay State Wind will help PACE not only expand the covered population in our area but will allow our organization to identify and provide additional financial resources to the most needy customers that we assist with these vital services. I look forward to working with Bay State Wind in leveraging these local assets and investing in long-term local economic growth while providing resources to help our low income rate payers.

I anxiously await the outcome of the upcoming utility procurement process for offshore wind, and pledge my commitment to working with Bay State Wind to make the promise of offshore winds growing role in the Commonwealth's green economy a reality for our constituents.

Sincerely,

Bruce Morell, Executive Director
PACE, Inc.



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Dear Mr. Zalcman:

The Board of Directors at South Shore Community Action Council, Inc. has discussed the Bay State Wind Project and proposed collaboration to assist SSCAC, Inc.'s low income energy assistance programs should you be successful in winning the Commonwealth of Massachusetts offshore wind generation project (83C RFP). The South Shore Community Action Council, Inc., a 501c3 non-profit, is known for its energy programs for low income residents. We acknowledge that the proposed Bay State Wind financial commitment is consistent with the 83C RFP preference for projects that address the concerns and needs of the low income community.

We look forward to working with you to provide energy conservation services for area low income households.

On behalf of the Board, thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Shannon", is placed above the printed name.

Daniel Shannon, President
SSCAC Board of Directors



December 6, 2017

Mr. Leon Olivier Co-Chairman and President
Bay State Wind LLC 56 Prospect Street
Hartford, CT

Mr. Thomas Brøstrom
Co-Chairman and President
Bay State Wind LLC
100 Oliver Street, Suite 2610
Boston, MA 12201

Dear Messrs. Olivier and Brøstrom:

As a supporter of Massachusetts' landmark legislation to promote a homegrown offshore wind industry, The New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce (d/b/a SouthCoast Chamber) is pleased to support the procurement of economically and environmentally sound utility-scale offshore wind projects here in the Commonwealth. We are confident that the Bay State Wind project will demonstrate the wisdom of the legislature's commitment to procure up to 1,600 MW of offshore wind over the next decade, and will yield significant new, clean, reliable and cost-effective generation resources needed to replace the growing number of power plant retirements across the region.

We are particularly enthusiastic about the opportunities presented by offshore wind to spur new economic activity in and around Martha's Vineyard. With world-class academic and training institutions, a skilled and highly motivated workforce, an advanced industrial base, and modern infrastructure - all in close proximity to the Bay State Wind project area - New England is ideally situated to host this emergent clean energy industry. We are pleased that Bay State Wind has made a strong financial commitment to the economic vitality of the region and we look forward to working with Bay State Wind and other offshore wind developers in leveraging these local assets and investing in long-term local economic growth.

We look forward to the outcome of the upcoming utility procurement process for offshore wind, and working with Bay State Wind and the offshore wind industry to make the promise of offshore winds growing role in the Commonwealth's green economy a reality for southeastern Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

Rick Kidder
President/CEO
SouthCoast Chamber



The Lobster Foundation of Massachusetts

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December 8, 2017

Mr. Thomas Brøstrom
Co-Chairman and President
Bay State Wind LLC
100 Oliver Street, Suite 2610
Boston, MA 12201

Dear Thomas;

I am writing to you today with great appreciation for Bay State Wind commitment to fund the North Atlantic Right Whale Entanglement Initiative project for two hundred fifty thousand dollars to both the Lobster Foundation of Massachusetts (LFoM) and the New England Aquarium (NEAQ). The funding will assist to further advance the initiatives to reduce entanglements and serious injuries and mortalities to the North Atlantic Right Whale (NARW) while leveraging ideas from the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team. The LFoM is committed to working with the NEAQ, the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association (MLA) and the South Shore Lobstermen's Association (SSLA) cohesively to attain and advance the efforts to reduce entanglements and serious injuries and mortalities to the NARW.

The LFoM through our longstanding relationship with the MLA continues collaborating with stakeholders in the Massachusetts commercial lobster industry including lobstermen, scientists, and business leaders. Furthermore, the LFoM continues coordinating our efforts with organizations and institutions such as the MLA, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution's Sea Grant Programs; the Universities of Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island; Massachusetts Department of Marine Fisheries; and other members of our community to conserve and protect our marine environment and the abundant life it supports.

In closing, we are looking forward to working with the NEAQ, the MLA and the SSLA to explore and expand the options to help mitigate interactions between the NARW and vertical lines here in the Commonwealth. Bay State Wind has indicated their recognition of the historic and current importance of commercial fishing, in particular lobster fishing, to the region and the valued lifestyle and significant economic contribution to the state of Massachusetts. With this commitment, Bay State Wind is signaling their commitment to engage with their neighbors and identify critical needs that will bring benefit to all stakeholders.

Thank you for the funding opportunity and your commitment to the North Atlantic Right Whale Entanglement Initiative project.

Sincerely,

Mike Bartlett

President

cc. LFoM Board of Directors,
MLA Executive Committee



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November 7, 2017

Mr. Thomas Brostrom
Co-chairman and President
Bay State Wind, LLC
100 Oliver Street, Suite 2610
Boston, MA 12201

Dear Mr. Brostrom,

As supporters of Massachusetts' landmark legislation to promote a homegrown offshore wind industry, the Aquinnah Board of Selectmen are pleased to support the procurement of economically and environmentally sound utility-scale offshore wind projects here in the Commonwealth. We are confident that your project will demonstrate the wisdom of the legislature's commitment to procure up to 1600 MVV of offshore wind over the next decade, and will yield significant new, clean, reliable and cost-effective generation resources needed to replace the growing number of power plant retirements across the region.

We are particularly enthusiastic about the opportunities presented by offshore wind to spur new economic activity in and around Martha's Vineyard. With world-class academic and training institutions, a skilled and highly motivated workforce, an advanced industrial base, and modern infrastructure - all in close proximity to the Bay State Wind project area - new England is ideally situated to host this emergent clean energy industry. We are pleased that Bay State Wind has made a strong financial commitment to the economic vitality of the region and we look forward to working with Bay State Wind and other offshore wind developers in leveraging these local assets and investing in long-term local economic growth.

We look forward to the outcome of the upcoming utility procurement process for offshore wind and working with Bay State wind and the offshore wind industry to make the promise of offshore wind's growing role in the Commonwealth's green economy a reality for Aquinnah and the Vineyard.

Sincerely,

James Newman, Chairman
Aquinnah Board of Selectmen



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December 8, 2017

Mr. Leon Olivier
Executive Vice President
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56 Prospect Street
Hartford, CT 06103

Mr. Thomas Brostrøm
President
Ørsted Wind Power U.S.
100 Oliver Street, Suite 2610
Boston, MA 12201

Dear Messrs. Olivier and Brostrøm:

As a supporter of Massachusetts' landmark legislation to promote a homegrown offshore wind industry, I am pleased to support the procurement of economically and environmentally sound utility-scale offshore wind projects here in the Commonwealth. I am confident that the upcoming competitive solicitation process will demonstrate the wisdom of the legislature's commitment to procure up to 1,600 MW of offshore wind over the next decade, and will yield significant new, clean, reliable and cost-effective generation resources needed to replace the growing number of power plant retirements across the region.

I am particularly enthusiastic about the opportunities presented by offshore wind to spur new economic activity in Massachusetts. With world-class academic and training institutions, a skilled and highly motivated workforce, an advanced industrial base, and modern infrastructure - all in close proximity to the project area - Massachusetts is ideally situated to host this emergent clean energy industry. I am pleased that Bay State Wind has made a strong financial commitment to the economic vitality of the region and I look forward to working with Bay State Wind and other offshore wind developers in leveraging these local assets and investing in long-term local economic growth.

I anxiously await the outcome of the upcoming utility procurement process for offshore wind, and look forward to working with the offshore wind industry to make the promise of offshore wind's growing role in the Commonwealth's green economy a reality for my constituents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle N. Hantman".

Michelle N. Hantman
President & CEO