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RE: Request for Proposals for Long-Term Contracts for Offshore Wind Energy Projects under Section 83C of the Green Communities Act

To the Soliciting Parties:

Vineyard Wind LLC ("Vineyard Wind") is pleased to submit its proposals in response to the Request for Proposals for Long-Term Contracts for Offshore Wind Energy Projects issued June 29, 2017 by Fitchburg Gas & Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid, Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, Western Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy and the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources. The enclosed submission includes distinct proposals for Long Term Contracts for offshore wind generation projects sized at 400MW and 800MW respectively, including proposals for the required 400MW Project Specific Generator Lead Line Proposal and the required 1600MW Expandable Transmission proposal as well as additional proposals described in detail in the enclosed RFP response form on Appendix B and the enclosed CPPD forms. Two separate Appendix B response forms and CPPD forms are included; one for 400MW of offshore wind generation and the second for 800 MW of offshore wind generation, each with additional options for Expandable Transmission.

We are hand delivering seven (7) copies of each of the unredacted "Confidential Version" and seven (7) copies of a redacted "Public Version" for each of the 400MW and 800MW Project proposals on appropriately labeled CD-ROMS as specified by Appendix H and Section 1.7 of the RFP.

A Bid Fee in the aggregate amount of [REDACTED] has been made by wire transfer in accordance with your posted instructions as follows:

<u>Distribution Company</u>	<u>% of Bid Fee</u>	<u>Bid Fee Amount</u>
Eversource Energy	52.85%	[REDACTED]
National Grid	46.16%	
UNITIL	0.99%	
Total	100%	

Vineyard Wind submits its proposals subject to its statement regarding confidentiality attached to this letter as Attachment 1 - Confidentiality.

We look forward to the evaluation of our proposals and stand ready to provide any further information or assistance that you may require.

Respectfully submitted,

Vineyard Wind LLC



By: Lars Thaaning Pedersen
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Vineyard Wind LLC's Proposal in Response to the 83C Offshore Wind RFP
Attachment 1 – Confidentiality Statement of Vineyard Wind LLC

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As authorized by Sections 1.7.3 and 1.7.4 of the RFP, Vineyard Wind has submitted its proposals, each with a public (redacted) and a confidential (un-redacted) version. Vineyard Wind has redacted information from its proposals on the basis that all such redacted information is non-public, proprietary or sensitive information ("Confidential Information") and intends that such Confidential Information, to the extent included in its un-redacted form in the confidential version, is and shall remain confidential and shall be treated as confidential by the Evaluation Team (including the DOER and the Distribution Companies), the Independent Evaluator (including its subcontractors), the Evaluation Team Consultant, ISO-NE and personnel of one or more Other Authorities. Pursuant to Section 1.7.4 of the RFP, Vineyard Wind has clearly identified all Confidential Information which is contained in the confidential (un-redacted) version of the proposal by redacting such Confidential Information in the public (redacted) version.

The Confidential Information consists of cost and pricing information and other proprietary or sensitive information that is not generally known or readily ascertainable, that, if known to competitors of Vineyard Wind, would be of economic value to such competitors and would provide them with an unfair advantage in their bidding and negotiating strategies, which could be used to the detriment of Vineyard Wind and the public, in particular in connection with later solicitations anticipated to be conducted under the authority of an Act Relative to Green Communities, St. 2008, c. 169, as amended by St. 2016, c. 188, Section 12 ("Section 83C") as well as in similar solicitations that may be conducted by other New England states. Accordingly, Vineyard Wind expects that its Confidential Information be handled by DOER in accordance with MA G.L.C. 25A, sec. 7, as set forth in Section 1.7.4 and Appendix F of the RFP and by the Massachusetts Distribution Companies and the Independent Evaluator in accordance with Section 1.7.4 and Appendix F of the RFP and applicable law, including with respect to the Independent Evaluator pursuant to paragraph (f) of Section 83C.

All such Confidential Information is provided to DOER for DOER's sole use in the context of reviewing Vineyard Wind's specific proposals, and for no other purpose. Under MA G.L.C. 25A, sec.7, such information is not a public record; to the extent public record requests are received by DOER requesting Confidential Information, Vineyard Wind expects DOER will deny such requests, and Vineyard Wind further requests that DOER provide it with notice of any such requests and such denials. In the unlikely event that DOER nonetheless proposes to disclose Vineyard Wind's Confidential Information to any other state's equivalent agency, Vineyard Wind expects DOER will provide Vineyard Wind with affirmative sufficient advance notice together with the opportunity for Vineyard Wind to meet with DOER to discuss the reasons why DOER proposes to disclose Vineyard Wind's Confidential Information and to discuss alternatives to and/or conditions and/or limitations on such disclosure. Vineyard Wind further expects that it will be informed of any disclosure by any of DOER or the Massachusetts Distribution Company as may be required by law. Further, Vineyard Wind submits its proposals in response to the RFP and includes such Confidential Information in its confidential (un-redacted) version in reliance on the commitment made in Section 1.7.4 of the RFP that the Evaluation Team will notify Vineyard Wind and will work with Vineyard Wind on developing appropriate means to limit disclosure of such Confidential Information prior to the Evaluation Team's disclosure as contemplated in the RFP.