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Mark D. Marini, Secretary Department of Public Utilities One South Station, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Boston, MA 02110

Re: <u>Long-Term Contracts for Offshore Wind Energy Generation Pursuant to Section 83C of</u> Chapter 169 of the Acts of 2008 – D.P.U. 19-45

Dear Secretary Marini:

On March 27, 2019, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, and NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (collectively, the "Distribution Companies") filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for approval of a proposed timetable and method for the second solicitation and execution of long-term contracts for offshore wind energy generation pursuant to Section 83C of the Green Communities Act, St. 2008, c. 169 ("Section 83C"). The Department approved the timetable and method for the solicitation in its May 17, 2019 Order in D.P.U. 19-45.

Pursuant to the Department's Order, the Distribution Companies, together with the Department of Energy Resources ("DOER"), issued the Request for Proposals for Long-Term Contracts for Offshore Wind Energy Projects (the "RFP") on May 23, 2019. The Distribution Companies and DOER completed the evaluation of bids received in response to the RFP on October 30, 2019 and announced that Mayflower Wind's "804 MW Low Cost Energy" proposal was selected as the winning bid.

At this time, the Distribution Companies are in the final stages of negotiations with Mayflower Wind based on the prices, terms and conditions contained in its selected bid. Although some key contract terms have yet to be agreed upon, which will prevent the Distribution Companies from executing contracts by December 13, 2019 as contemplated in the RFP, the Distribution Companies are committed to working with Mayflower Wind in good faith to resolve those remaining issues and complete contract negotiation as soon as practicable.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact any of the undersigned counsel if you have any questions regarding this notice.

Respectfully submitted,

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