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Mark D. Marini, Secretary Department of Public Utilities One South Station, 5th 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 January 10, 2020, 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") notified the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") that negotiations with Mayflower Wind for long-term contracts for offshore wind energy generation pursuant to Section 83C of the Green Communities Act, St. 2008, c. 169 ("Section 83C") were complete and that the Distribution Companies expected to execute final contracts shortly. The purpose of this letter is to notify the Department and all interested stakeholders that the Distribution Companies and Mayflower Wind executed the final contracts on the evening of January 10, 2020.

The Distribution Companies will submit the contracts to the Department for approval in accordance with Section 83C no later than February 10, 2020. The Distribution Companies note that the final price for energy and environmental attributes under the executed contracts is consistent with the price offered under the selected Mayflower Wind "804 MW Low Cost Energy" proposal. Accordingly, the extension of the contract negotiation period from that initially anticipated under the Request for Proposals for Long-Term Contracts for Offshore Wind Energy Projects will not result in any price increase or delay in the project's commercial operation date. Further details regarding the terms of the contracts will be provided at the time of filing.

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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