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Via Electronic Filing

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Energy Facilities Siting Board
One South Station, 5th Floor
Boston, MA 02110

RE: *SouthCoast Wind Energy LLC*, EFSB 21-03/D.P.U. 21-142/21-143

Dear Presiding Officer Shea:

Per your request, SouthCoast Wind Energy LLC (SouthCoast Wind) is continuing to provide updates to the Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB or Board) approximately every forty-five days on the status of its transmission connector project interconnecting in the Town of Falmouth. SouthCoast Wind filed its most recent update on October 20, 2023.

As noted in previous update letters, after issuance of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on February 17, 2023, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) conducted three virtual public hearings in the month of March, 2023. The public comment period for the SouthCoast Wind DEIS ended on April 18, 2023. The DEIS is a major milestone for SouthCoast Wind. In addition, on September 1, 2023, the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) Consultation between BOEM and the United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) concluded with USFWS' issuance of a Biological Opinion. The Biological Opinion concluded that the SouthCoast Wind Project is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat. BOEM is currently reviewing all public comments and working on the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Project. BOEM is also progressing the Section 106 consultation for the Project, with the third Section 106 consultation meeting to be held in January 2024.

SouthCoast Wind continues to work with the ISO New England (ISO-NE) on the interconnection process. As noted in previous update letters, ISO-NE terminated the Second Cape Cod Resource Integration Study (Cluster 2) and is now studying SouthCoast Wind's Project

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individually in serial queue order. ISO-NE has completed the Project's Feasibility Study and has held the Feasibility Study Results Meeting. Per ISO-NE's standard interconnection study process, the Project has moved to the System Impact Study (SIS) phase. SouthCoast Wind continues to work with ISO-NE and applicable utilities to satisfy requirements and advance the SIS, recently addressing ISO-NE's comments in November 2023. In addition, SouthCoast Wind is monitoring the proposed changes and impacts to the ISO-NE interconnection process as directed by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Order No. 2023.

SouthCoast Wind will continue to engage with the Town of Falmouth as updates occur that impact the Town and community members. Most recently, SouthCoast Wind was proud to sponsor the Falmouth Running Club's Cape Cod Marathon for a third year. Also, on October 23, 2023, the SouthCoast Wind team met with the Oak Grove Cemetery Board and appointed officers to provide Project updates and answer questions. SouthCoast Wind is committed to bringing clean, renewable energy to the citizens of Massachusetts and New England.

SouthCoast Wind will continue to provide these periodic status updates approximately every forty-five days, until such time as it makes an appropriate substantive filing. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you have any questions about the contents of this letter. Please include this letter in the EFSB and Department dockets listed above.

Sincerely,



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