

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS ENERGY FACILITIES SITING BOARD

NOTICE OF SITING BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024 1:00 p.m.



https://www.mass.gov/infodetails/southcoast-windenergy-brayton-point

EFSB 22-04/D.P.U. 22-67/22-68 – Southcoast Wind Energy LLC

On May 27, 2022, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §§ 69J and 72 and G.L. c. 40A, § 3, SouthCoast Wind Energy LLC("SouthCoast Wind" or "Company") filed petitions with the Energy Facilities Siting Board ("Siting Board") and the Department of Public Utilities to construct: (1) two high voltage direct current ("HVDC") offshore export power cables, each rated at approximately 320 kilovolts ("kV") and associated communications cabling installed beneath Massachusetts waters (together "Offshore Export Cables"); (2) a landfall location at Brayton Point with underground transition vaults where the Offshore Export Cables would come onshore; (3) two underground HVDC onshore power cables, also rated at approximately 320 kV, from the landfall to a new converter station ("Onshore Cables"); (4) a new converter station located in the central portion of the Brayton Point site that would convert the 320 kV HVDC power to 345 kV high voltage alternating current ("HVAC") ("Converter Station") for transmission to the Brayton Point of Interconnection ("POI"); and (5) six underground 345 kV HVAC power cables that would interconnect the Converter Station to the existing 345 kV transmission facilities at the POI ("Grid Interconnection")

The Siting Board will conduct a public meeting regarding the Project. The purpose of the Siting Board meeting is to listen to comments, deliberate, and vote on whether to approve, approve with conditions or amendments, or reject a Tentative Decision regarding this Project. The Tentative Decision is available on the Siting Board's information webpage for this proceeding: https://mass.gov/info-details/mayflower-wind-southcoast.

The Siting Board meeting will be in-person and on Zoom, Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

In-person meeting location: 1 South Station, Boston, MA 02110, 3rd floor, Large Hearing Room. Building security requires a government-issued photo ID. Nearby transit station: South Station (Red Line).

Remote attendees: join by clicking (or entering) the following link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89690262374 from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. For audio-only access, call 646 558 8656 (not toll free) and enter ID 896 9026 2374.

Public Access and Opportunity for Public Comment

Written comments on the Tentative Decision are due by the noon Friday, September 27, 2024. Please file comments by email at dpu.efiling@mass.gov and robert.j.shea@mass.gov.

The parties will be allowed to make oral comments at the Siting Board meeting. 980 CMR 1.08. Public comments will also be allowed during the meeting at the direction and discretion of the Siting Board Chair. To provide brief oral comments at the Siting Board meeting (in person or on Zoom), please send an email to Yonathan.Mengesha@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address by noon on September 27, 2024. By telephone, please leave a voicemail message referencing "EFSB 22-04" at (617) 305-3544 with your name, telephone number, and mailing address by this date. Comments will be limited to 3 minutes per speaker, as meeting time permits.

For Zoom technical assistance call or text (857) 200-0065. A recording of the Siting Board meeting will be posted to YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCklPj6xxSKww-Kr26lEZVTA/streams.

Language Access and Accommodation Requests

Interpretation services for the Siting Board meeting (in-person and Zoom) will be provided in Spanish, Portuguese, and Cape Verdean Creole. Additional language interpretation services are available upon request. Include in your request the language required and a way to contact you if we need more information. Requests must be made no later than September 24, 2024. It may not be possible to accommodate last-minute requests. Contact the Presiding Officer to make a request (contact information below).

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities (<u>e.g.</u>, Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) are available upon request. Include a complete description of the accommodation you will need and a way we can contact you if we need more information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted, but we may be unable to fulfill the request. Please send your requests to Melixza Esenyie at <u>eeadiversity@mass.gov</u>.

Contact

Any person desiring additional information regarding this Notice may contact the Presiding Officer:

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