

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Energy Facilities Siting Board
SouthCoast Wind Energy LLC, EFSB 22-04/D.P.U. 22-67/22-68
Siting Board Staff Proposed Amendments to the Tentative Decision
September 30, 2024

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7	18	Delete the word “and” before “the United States Coast Guard” and insert the phrase “, and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement” after “the United States Coast Guard (“USCG”)”
9	7	Replace “November 3” with “October 31”
9	23	Delete the word “and” before “the Somerset Select Board” and insert the phrase “, and the Swansea Conservation Commission” after “the Somerset Select Board”
9	23	Replace “Exh. SW-1, at 6-7” with “Exhs. SW-1, at 6-7; EFSB-N-4(S5)(2)”
22	14	Replace the word “is” with “would be”.
22	15	Replace “May 12, 2023” with “April 1, 2027”
22	15	Replace “May 11, 2024” with “March 31, 2032”
22	fn 20	Replace “ https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/05/18/2023-10592/takes-of-marine-mammals-incident-to-specified-activities-taking-marine-mammals-incident-to ” with “ https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/06/27/2024-13770/takes-of-marine-mammals-incident-to-specified-activities-taking-marine-mammals-incident-to-the .”
23	25	Replace “September” with “December”.
24	20	Insert a “,” after “March 25, 2024 and delete the word “and” before “approved the Notice of Intent”.
24	20	Insert “, and issued an Order of Conditions on August 27, 2024” after “on August 12, 2024”.
24	20	Replace “Exh. EFSB-N-4(S4) at 17-18” with “Exh. EFSB-N-4(S5)(2))
24	21	Insert “, approved the Notice of Intent on August 29, 2024,” after “held its first hearing on “April 22, 2024”
24	21-22	Replace “was continuing the hearing as of August 29, 2024 (Exh. EFSB-N-4(S4) at 18” with “issued an Order of Conditions on September 9, 2024 (Exh. EFSB-N-4(S5)(2)
24	22	Delete footnote 25.

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24	26	Insert new bullet point “On September 10, 2024, MassDEP issued a Draft Chapter 91 Waterways License (EFSB-N-4(S5)(3)).” at the end of the bullet list.
33	8	Insert “of the Project” after “commencing construction”
33	10	Insert the new clause “, with the exception of procuring equipment and services,” after “the proposed transmission Project”
41	6	Replace the word “such” with the word “higher”
59		Insert a note for Table 5: “*Note that the subtotal and total weighted scores, as well as the total ratio score, for the Lee River Route were incorrectly calculated by the Company, although the ranking remained the same regardless. The table reflects corrections made by Siting Board staff.”
73	2	Replace “3.2 feet and 3.4 feet (Exh. SW-1, at 1-17, 5-26)” with “2.0 feet and 15.0 feet with a target depth of 3.0 feet (Exh. SW-1, Table 1-2)”
84	10	Insert the new sentence “On May 31, 2024, SCW and CZM entered into a MOA regarding the Massachusetts Fisheries Compensatory Mitigation Fund and the Contribution to the Massachusetts Fisheries Innovation Fund (Exh. EFSB-N-4(S4) at 18).” at the end of the paragraph.
94	24	Insert the new sentence “In its DEIS Appendix G titled “Mitigation and Monitoring,” BOEM notes that employing the industry standard for cable burial and cable shielding are best practices to minimize the potential effects of EMF to marine organisms (Exh. SW-8, app. G at G-13, G-14, G-20, G-30).” at the end of the paragraph.
98	9	Insert the new sentence “On September 10, 2024, MassDEP issued a Draft Chapter 91 Waterways License (Exh. EFSB-N-4(S5)(3)).” at the end of the paragraph.
98	12	Replace “stated that it intends to file” with “filed”.
98	16	Replace “would include” with “included”.
98	18	Insert the new sentences “The Somerset Conservation Commission approved the Project's NOI on August 29, 2024, and issued an Order of Conditions on September 9, 2024 (Exh. EFSB-N-4(S5)(1)). The Swansea Conservation Commission approved the Project's NOI on August 12, 2024, and issued an Order of Conditions on August 27, 2024 (Exh. EFSB-N-4(S5)(2)).” at the end of the paragraph.
104	3-8	Replace the paragraph beginning with “The Siting Board directs” with the new paragraph: “The Siting Board directs the Company to continue consultations with the Massachusetts DMF on planned inshore fisheries monitoring efforts, including post-construction monitoring, and to report annually on post-construction monitoring efforts to Massachusetts DMF and

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		the Siting Board for the duration of such monitoring activity, as required by the SouthCoast Wind Inshore Fisheries Monitoring Plan.”
109-110	26 onwards	Replace the sentence beginning with “In addition, the Siting Board directs” with the new sentences: “In addition, the Siting Board directs the Company to conduct testing of MF from the Offshore Export Cables, the Onshore Cables and Grid Interconnection, and the Converter Station. Within one year of the Project being fully installed and operational, the Company shall submit a report to the Siting Board regarding the results of such MF testing (at full load) and shall provide results of any MF testing conducted to date.”
133	16	Insert “attempt to” before “resolve concerns noted”
133	17	Delete the phrase “fully cooperate with the Town’s consultants and” before “respond in a timely manner”
137-138	26 onwards	Replace the sentences: “The Siting Board directs the Company to conduct and submit an MF study on both the Onshore Cables and Grid Interconnection, once the Project is fully installed and capable of delivering approximately 1,200 MW of energy, to confirm the MF levels described in this Decision. Measurements should occur at representative locations along the Onshore Cables and Grid Interconnection routes.” with “As stated above, the Siting Board required the Company to conduct MF testing at full load for the Project, including for the Converter Station, and submit a report within a year of the Project being fully installed and operational.”
161	25-28	Replace the sentences: “The Siting Board directs the Company to conduct and submit an MF study of the Converter Station, once the Project is fully installed and capable of delivering approximately 1,200 MW of energy, to quantify the MF levels. Measurements should occur at representative locations around the Converter Station.” with “As stated above, the Siting Board required the Company to conduct MF testing at full load for the Project, including for the Converter Station, and submit a report within a year of the Project being fully installed and operational.”
204	15-16	Replace the word “of” with “that” and replace “with local residents” to “will be hired locally”
205	6-10	Replace the sentences: “There are certain refinements the Siting Board would like to see in future EJ reviews by applicants, such as air modeling for air emissions impacts on EJ populations, and a more-comprehensive analysis of potential cumulative impacts. However, the record provides adequate assurance that these impacts are more than counterbalanced, over time, by significant air emissions reductions and other benefits from the Project (and OGF).”

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		with “There are certain refinements, such as air modeling for air emissions impacts on EJ populations, and a more-comprehensive analysis of potential cumulative impacts, which surfaced as areas of interest during the MEPA review process, but were not undertaken by the Company. However, the record provides adequate assurance that these types of impacts are more than counterbalanced, over time, by significant air emissions reductions and other benefits from the Project (and OGF).”
254	11	Insert “of the Project” after “commencing construction”
254	12	Insert the new clause “, with the exception of procuring equipment and services,” after “the proposed transmission Project”.
254	14-20	Replace the paragraph beginning with “The Siting Board directs” with the new paragraph: “The Siting Board directs the Company to continue consultations with the Massachusetts DMF on planned inshore fisheries monitoring efforts, including post-construction monitoring, and to report annually on post-construction monitoring efforts to Massachusetts DMF and the Siting Board for the duration of such monitoring activity, as required by the SouthCoast Wind Inshore Fisheries Monitoring Plan.”
256	12	Insert “attempt to” before “resolve concerns noted”
256	13-14	Delete the phrase “fully cooperate with the Town’s consultants and” before “respond in a timely manner”
256	32-35	Replace the paragraph: “The Siting Board directs the Company to conduct and submit a one-time confirmatory testing of MF from the HVDC Offshore Export Cables within 90 days from the OGF being fully developed and capable of delivering approximately 1,200 MW of energy.” with: “The Siting Board directs the Company to conduct testing of MF from the Offshore Export Cables, the Onshore Cables and Grid Interconnection, and the Converter Station. Within one year of the Project being fully installed and operational, the Company shall submit a report to the Siting Board regarding the results of such MF testing (at full load) and shall provide results of any MF testing conducted to date.”
257	1-5	Delete Condition M.
257	6-9	Delete Condition N.
258	20	Replace the word “of” with “that”
258	20-21	Replace “with local residents” to “will be hired locally”