

January 15, 2025

Mark D. Marini, Secretary
Department of Public Utilities
One South Station, 3rd Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Long-Term Contracts for Offshore Wind Energy Generation Pursuant to Section 83C of Chapter 169 of the Acts of 2008, as Amended – D.P.U. 23-42

Dear Secretary Marini:

On August 23, 2023, the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) issued a final Order approving the proposed timetable and method for the fourth solicitation contained in a request for proposals (“RFP”) for offshore wind energy generation pursuant to Section 83C of the Green Communities Act, St. 2008, c.169, as amended by the Energy Diversity Act, and the Act Driving Clean Energy and Offshore Wind (“Section 83C”), subject to the directives of the Department. The RFP was proposed jointly by Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (“DOER”), Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, d/b/a Unitil, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid, and NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (collectively, the “Evaluation Team”).

The current Section 83C RFP schedule, as amended, anticipates that contract execution with all three counter-parties will occur by January 15, 2025. One counter-party has withdrawn the Vineyard Wind 2 project from contract negotiations with the Evaluation Team because its multi-state bid, which was contingent on another state procuring a portion of the output, was not accepted by another state. The remaining two counter-parties have not yet completed their contract negotiations and are now targeting the completion of negotiations and execution of contracts on or before March 31, 2025. Accordingly, the Evaluation Team is now targeting the filing of contracts with the Department on or before May 9, 2025.

The Evaluation Team will continue to inform the Department of the progress towards the submittal of the contracts for Department approval. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me with any questions regarding this filing.

Very truly yours,



Laura C. Bickel

cc: D.P.U. 23-42 Service List