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Via Electronic Filing

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

Dear Presiding Officer Shea:

At your request, this letter provides a status update regarding the current suspension of the captioned proceedings for the siting of Mayflower Wind Energy LLC's (Mayflower Wind) transmission connector project interconnecting in the Town of Falmouth (Project). As you know, Mayflower Wind postponed the public comment hearing that had been scheduled for March 24, 2022. This postponement was to allow Mayflower Wind additional time to address: (1) ISO New England Inc. (ISO-NE) cluster interconnection issues on Cape Cod; and (2) Town of Falmouth concerns regarding the Project routing in Falmouth.

On July 29, 2022, Mayflower Wind filed a formal Motion to Temporarily Suspend the Proceedings, citing uncertainty regarding the outcome of ISO-NE interconnection process for interconnection requests on Cape Cod, and additional discussions with Falmouth regarding the routing for the Project. In that July Motion, Mayflower Wind requested to suspend the current proceeding until a further appropriate filing from Mayflower Wind in this docket, which was then planned for Fall of 2022. Mayflower Wind also briefly described some other changes it was planning to make to the Project, including a change in transmission technology from high-voltage alternating current (HVAC) to high-voltage direct current (HVDC) infrastructure. Your procedural order on August 4, 2022, granted that motion.

Since March, Mayflower Wind has been diligently seeking to address both of the main reasons for suspending the proceeding. Regarding the ISO-NE interconnection process, Mayflower Wind continues to participate in that process with an intent to interconnect in Falmouth if feasible, but the outcome of that process is still unclear and is likely to remain that way until sometime in 2023 when ISO-NE is expected to provide further and more definitive study results.

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Regarding the Town of Falmouth concerns, Mayflower Wind has diligently undertaken significant technical and commercial feasibility evaluations of alternate landfall locations and associated routing requested by the Town. This effort has included further exploration of five alternative landfalls locations in addition to Mayflower Wind's proposed Preferred and Noticed Alternative landfall routes. As part of these evaluations, Mayflower Wind conducted additional technical analyses in response to the Town's request for reconsideration of a Surf Drive landfall. Recent information provided by NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) regarding its Martha's Vineyard subsea power cables led to removing a Surf Drive landfall from consideration due to technical infeasibility. On October 21, 2022, Mayflower Wind participated in a joint meeting with Eversource and Town of Falmouth officials to review the results of the technical evaluation leading to the removal a Surf Drive landfall from further consideration. Mayflower Wind continues to work with the Town of Falmouth regarding the routing of the Project.

Mayflower Wind was planning to make a filing with the Siting Board this Fall in which it would file substantive changes to the Project, including any new routing considerations and a change in transmission technology from HVAC to HVDC. Currently, however, there is still a significant lack of clarity regarding the ISO-NE cluster interconnection process on Cape Cod and it appears that we will not get a clearer picture of the interconnection path forward this year. Additionally, Mayflower Wind is still trying to address Town of Falmouth officials routing concerns but have not yet obtained a commitment of support.

For these reasons, Mayflower Wind will not be making the anticipated filing this Fall, but instead will continue with the current suspension of the proceeding and with its efforts to address the ISO-NE interconnection process and the Town of Falmouth concerns. Mayflower Wind will provide periodic status updates approximately every forty-five days, until such time as it makes an appropriate substantive filing, which Mayflower Wind plans to make by the end of Q1 2023.

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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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