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**RE: Park City Wind - EFSB 20-01/D.P.U. 20-56/20-57**

Sent via email to: [dpu.efiling@mass.gov](mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov) and [robert.j.shea@mass.gov](mailto:robert.j.shea@mass.gov)

Dear Mr. Shea:

The Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC) submits the following comments in strong support of the Energy Facilities Siting Board's Tentative Decision regarding the Park City Wind project. APCC urges the EFSB to formally approve its Tentative Decision at the board's December 11, 2023 meeting.

Founded in 1968, APCC is the Cape Cod region's leading nonprofit environmental advocacy and education organization, working for the adoption of laws, policies and programs that protect and enhance Cape Cod's natural resources and quality of life.

APCC agrees with the EFSB's Tentative Decision to approve the project, which includes appropriate protections for the environment, the residents of the town of Barnstable, the Cape Cod region, and for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Offshore wind projects such as Park City Wind will improve energy security and reliability by reducing reliance on fossil fuels and helping to support the transition to a renewable energy grid. The utilization of offshore wind is essential for achieving New England's greenhouse gas emission reduction targets and limiting impacts from climate change. Without the contribution of offshore wind development, New England's future energy demands and carbon reduction goals simply cannot be met.

Approval of the Park City Wind project will enable the development of more than 800 megawatts of renewable energy for the New England electric grid. It

is estimated that Park City Wind will offset greenhouse gas emissions by more than 1.59 million tons of carbon dioxide per year. This new source of clean energy will power 400,000 homes and businesses and reduce regional reliance on fossil fuels for electricity generation. It will also help control year-round energy price volatility that has traditionally accompanied the use of natural gas supplies.

To date, Park City Wind has attained many of the required regional and local permits and is anticipated to receive final federal and state approvals by the middle of 2024. Approval of the EFSB's Tentative Decision is the next step in advancing this renewable energy project and helping the New England region meet its ambitious but necessary carbon reduction goals. APCC therefore respectfully requests that the EFSB approve its Tentative Decision at the December 11 meeting.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Gottlieb', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrew Gottlieb  
Executive Director