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M. Kathryn Sedor, Presiding Officer
Energy Facilities Siting Board
One South Station, 5th Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Vineyard Wind LLC, EFSB 17-05/D.P.U. 18-18/18-19

Dear Presiding Officer Sedor:

In accordance with the briefing schedule established by the Energy Facilities Siting Board (“Siting Board”) on September 10, 2018 and confirmed on October 26, 2018, the Town of Yarmouth (“Town” or “Yarmouth”) hereby submits this letter reply brief in the above-captioned proceedings (collectively, the “Proceeding”).¹

The Town appreciates this opportunity to respond to the Initial Brief filed by Vineyard Wind, LLC (“Vineyard Wind” or the “Company”) on November 28, 2018 in the Proceeding. While the Company’s request to the Siting Board ultimately seeks approval for landfall of its offshore wind facility in the Town of Barnstable at Covell’s Beach, the Company continues to present its noticed alternative landfall through Lewis Bay in Yarmouth as a “viable” route alternative. Initial Brief of Vineyard Wind at 106 (Covell’s Beach and New Hampshire Avenue are viable and comparable routes that similarly minimize impacts). This position is untenable given the information on the record in the Proceeding.

In its Initial Brief the Town has clearly shown that the two landfall sites are materially different in character and the present record establishes that a landfall in Yarmouth would have the potential for significantly more environmental impacts than a landfall at Covell’s Beach. See Initial Brief of Yarmouth filed on November 28, 2018 at 8-21. Indeed, as it must, Vineyard

¹ This letter reply is not intended to respond to every argument or position taken by every party or limited participant in their respective initial brief or comment filed on November 28, 2018. Silence on the part of the Town with respect to any issue cannot be construed as the Town’s acquiescence on the issue.

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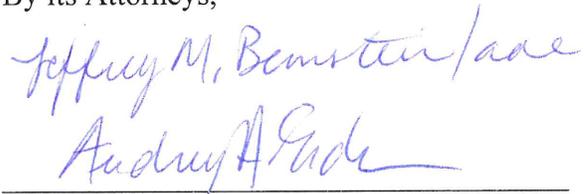
Wind ultimately concedes that based on record evidence the Covell's Beach route is superior to the New Hampshire Avenue route with respect to environmental impacts. Initial Brief of Vineyard Wind at 131. Moreover, Vineyard Wind concludes that the Covell's Beach route is also superior on the basis of costs, reliability and community acceptance. Initial Brief of Vineyard Wind at 118. Therefore, the Town submits that the Siting Board has no basis, at this juncture, to do anything but reject the alternative landfall in Yarmouth.

For the reasons set forth herein and in its Initial Brief, the Town respectfully requests that the Siting Board not approve the alternative landfall at New Hampshire Avenue.

Respectfully Submitted,

THE TOWN OF YARMOUTH

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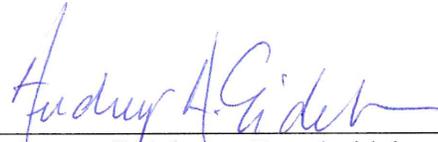
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ENERGY FACILITIES SITING BOARD

Petition of Vineyard Wind LLC Pursuant to G.L.
c. 164, §69J for Approval to Construct, Operate
and Maintain Transmission Facilities in
Massachusetts for the Delivery of Energy from an
Offshore Wind Energy Facility Located in Federal
Waters to an NSTAR Electric (d/b/a Eversource
Energy) Substation Located in the Town of
Barnstable, Massachusetts.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day filed the foregoing document(s) upon the Siting Board via first class mail and electronic mail and upon the Service List via electronic mail in the above-docketed proceeding, in accordance with the requirements of 980 C.M.R. §1.03 (4).



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