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**To: Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board
Todd Bianco, Patrica Lucarelli and Emma Rodvien
June 7, 2023**

Comment on: Docket No. SB-2022-02 – SouthCoast Wind Energy, LLC Application for a License to Construct Major Energy Facilities, Portsmouth RI (formerly Mayflower Wind Energy, LLC)

In December of 2022, the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities approved the Power Purchase Agreements for both Commonwealth Wind and a neighboring project Mayflower Wind aka SouthCoast Wind saying that it believed the projects could proceed under the agreed terms.

Massachusetts' Department of Public Utilities dismissed the inflation and supply issue claims and pushed forward with the process.

The filing concludes that the Massachusetts DPU has found the two projects are viable under the current contracts which meet all the rules established by the department.

The Mayflower / SouthCoast Wind Project, while stopping short of walking away from the agreements, said it was still working on an analysis and called on the DPU.

On January 31, 2023, Commonwealth Wind filed a case in Massachusetts Superior Court against the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities case # SJ-2023-0046. As of June 6, 2023, the case is ongoing.

Link: <https://www.ma-appellatecourts.org/docket/SJ-2023-0046> [ma-appellatecourts.org]

According to a news article in the Providence Journal on June 5, 2023, "SouthCoast Wind is effectively turning to the same playbook that another major wind developer, Commonwealth Wind, deployed after concluding that its own 1,200-megawatt installation "cannot be financed and built" under existing contract terms."

**<https://www.providencejournal.com/story/news/environment/2023/06/05/southcoast-wind-wants-to-rebid-contracts-due-to-inflation-supply-chain-problems-offshore-wind/70288983007/>
[providencejournal.com]**

As of June 7, 2023, SouthCoast Wind has not filed a lawsuit against the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities.

The unknown result of the Commonwealth Wind - Massachusetts Superior Court case could or could not provide a path for the future of the SouthCoast Wind project.

**Thanks, Frank Haggerty
Jamestown, Rhode Island**